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GERMANY STANDS FIRM IN THE POSITION TAKEN CONCERNING SUBMARINE WAR ON COMMERCE

Reply to American Note is Couched in Most Friendly Terms of Diplomacy.

ACTION IS NECESSARY

Disclaims All Responsibility for Accidents to Neutral Ships.

Every Effort to Make Blockade Effective.

Berlin, (via London), Feb. 18.—Germany's reply to the protocol of the United States against designation of a naval war zone about the British Isles is couched in the most friendly terms but firmly maintains the positions of Germany as already announced.

The note which has been transmitted to Washington through the American embassy explains that Germany's action was made necessary by Great Britain's policy of attempting to cut off the food supply of the German civil population by a method never recognized in internaitonal law.

England's course in ordering merchantmen to fly neutral flags, equipping them with artillery and ordering them to destroy submarines, Germany contends, renders nugatory the right of search and gives Germany the right to attack English shipping.

The reply closes with expression of the hope that the United States may prevail upon Great Britain to "return to the principles of international law recognized prior to the outbreak of the war," and in particular to obtain observance of the Declaration of London. If this were done, the note explains, Germany would be able to import food supplies and raw materials. Germany would recognize in this, says the reply, an invaluable service toward a more humane conduct of the war and would act in accordance with the new situation thus created. The text of the note follows:

Full Text of Note.

"The imperial government has examined the communicaton from the United States government in the same spirit of good will and friendship by which the communication appears to have been dictated. The imperial government is in accord with the United States government that for both parties it is in a high degree desirable to avoid misunderstandings which might arise from measures announced by the German admiralty and to provide against the occurrence of incidents which might trouble the friendly relations which so far happily exist between the two governments.

"With regard to the assuring of these friendly relations, the German government believes that it may all the more reckon on a full understanding with the United States as the procedure announced by the German admiralty, which was fully explained in the note of the fourth instant, is in no way directed against legitimate commerce and legitmate shipping of neutrals, but represents solely a measure of self-defense, imposed on Germany by her vital interests, against England's method of warfare, which is contrary to international law, and which so far no protest by neutrals has succeeded in bringing back to the generally recognized principles of law as existing before the outbreak of war.

How Things Stand.

"In order to exclude all doubt regarding the cardinal points, the German government once more begs leave to state how things stand. Until now Germany has scrupulously observed valid international rules regarding naval warfare. At the very beginning of the war, Germany immediately agreed to the proposal of the American government to ratify the new Declaration of London, and took over its contents unaltered, and without formal obligation, into her prize law.

"The German government has obeyed these rules, even when they were diametrically opposed to her military interests. For instance, Germany allowed the transportation of provisions to England from Denmark until today, although she was well able, by her sea forces, to prevent it.

"In contradistinction to this attitude, England has not even hesitated at a second infringement of international law, if by such means she could paralyze the peaceful commerce of Germany with neutrals. The German government will be the less obliged to enter into details, as these are put down sufficiently, though not exhaustively, in the American note to the British government dated December 29, as a result of five months' experience.

British Encroachments.

"All these encroachments have been made as has been admitted, in order to cut off all supplies from Germany and thereby starve her peaceful civil population—a procedure contrary to all humanitarian principles. Neutrals have been unable to prevent the interruption of their commerce with Germany, which is contrary to international laws. The American government, as Germany readily acknowledges, has protested against the British procedure. In spite of these protests and protests from other neutral states, Great Britain could not be induced to depart from the course of action she had decided upon. Thus, for instance the American ship Wilhelmina recently was stopped by the British although her cargo was destined solely for the German civil population and according to the express declaration of the German government was to be employed only for this purpose.

"Germany is as good as cut off from her over-seas supply by the silent or protesting toleration of neutrals, not only regarded to such goods as are ab-

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German War Zone Establish[illegible] bout the British Isles

The shaded portion of this map shows the waters about the British Isles and in the English Channel and the North Sea in which, if the German declarations are to be taken at their face value, it will be dangerous for any American merchant ship, unconvoyed by American battleships, or the merchant ships of any other neutral nation, to sail.

GERMAN AUXILIARY CRUISER STILL ACTIVE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC WATERS

SHIPPING MEASURE NOW IN CONFERENCE

Long Filibuster of Republican Senators Successful.

ONLY ONE MORE CHANCE

Bill Will be Reported on the Twenty-Seventh and Republicans Given Another Chance to Filibuster It to Death.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Blocked in their efforts to get a vote on the House ship purchase bill, Democratic senators today agreed to take up appropriation bills and sent the shipping measure to conference until February 27th when it must take its chances of being filibustered to its death on March 4th.

Republican senators entered into a "gentlemen's agreement" with Democratic leaders to let the bill go to conference on condition that appropriation measures be passed within the next ten days to avoid an extra session. The Democrats, it was reported, agreed to a reasonable cut in the rivers and harbors bill and the Republicans in turn give assurances that they would not filibuster against any appropriation measures. Democrats further agreed that when the ship purchase bill comes out of conference, the Republicans will be given an opportunity to renew their fight against it.

The compact which broke the long struggle was reached late in the day. Administration leaders maintained that it was the best they could hope for and Republican senators insisted that the action meant the bill was dead. All seemed to agree there would be no extra session.

Line-Up Broken.

When the time came to put the agreement into operation revolting Democrats and other senators opposed letting the bill go to conference until votes could be had on their amendments. There was a flood of oratory and many roll calls and all amendments were voted down.

Senator Bankhead's amendment to provide that government ships be admitted to coastwise shipping was defeated 54 to 43, the alignment which has prevailed for many weeks breaking up. Twenty-two Republican senators voted with the administration Democrats, and some regular Democrats joined with the recalcitrant Dem-

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Kronprinz Wilhelm Captures and Destroys Several British Steamers

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Feb. 18.—The German steamer Holger, which has arrived here, brings news that during January and February the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, operating on the northern coast of Brazil, sank the British steamer Highland Brae, 7,634 tons; the British steamer Hemisphere; the British steamer Potaro; the sailing ship Sumatra and the sailing ship Wilfred. The crews of these vessels are on board the Holger.

According to the account given by one of the sailors of the Highland Brae, which was a passenger ship bound from London to Buenos Ayres, that steamer was captured by the Kronprinz Wilhelm on January 24th. The crew and passengers were taken aboard the German auxiliary cruiser. The Kronprinz Wilhelm took the Highland Brae along with her and on January 31 discharged her cargo and sank her.

The auxiliary next captured and sank the schooner Wilfred, bound for Barbados. On January 16 the German steamer Holger joined the cruiser and took on board the crew of the British steamer Hemisphere which the Kronprinz Wilhelm captured on December 28th.

The Potaro was captured January 10th as well as the Viscount Humphreys. The sailing vessel Sumatra was taken off Santos on February 3. The crew of 22 were taken aboard the cruiser and the ship was sunk. All the prisoners on the Kronprinz Wilhelm were transferred on February 12th to the Holger which proceeded to Buenos Aires.

The German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm has been operating against British merchant men off South America since the first month of the war. The ship formerly was a North German Lloyd liner. It left New York August 3, ostensibly for Bremen, and since then her whereabouts has been a mystery.

SURPRISE IN TOKIO.

That Japan Had Announced Her Plans to Foreign Powers in Memorandum.

Tokio, Feb. 18.—That Japan had explained the tenor of her demands on China to certain friendly powers did not become generally known here until today.

In some quarters of Tokio it is thought that without intending to disturb the open door policy, the integrity of China, or the spheres of influence of other powers, Japan will seek to gradually extend her influence to China. She feels, it is argued, that her position entitles her to a predominating role in the development of the Chinese Republic.

GRAVE CONCERN IS FELT AT CAPITAL

Germany's Reply Fails to Allay Uneasness at Washington

OTHERS APPREHENSIVE

Holland and Scandinavian Countries Fear for Safety of Their Ships —Outcome of Matter is Doubtful.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Germany's reply to the American warning against attacks on American vessels or lives in the new sea war zones increased rather than diminished the concern of officials of the United States government over possible complications, though its friendly tone gave hope that an understanding for the protection of neutrals might yet be obtained.

Officials were apprehensive over the formal statement in the note that Germany disclaimed all responsibility for what might happen to neutral vessels venturing in the danger areas. The additional warning, too, that mines would be laid in British waters was regarded likely to add further to interruptions which American commerce has suffered since the wars' outbreak.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan read the Associated Press copy of the German note, the official text, delayed in transmission from Ambassador Gerard being expected tomorrow. While no comment was made at either the White House or the State Department, the feeling of grave concern was manifest.

Others Apprehensive.

That other neutral nations, especially Holland and the Scandinavian countries, also are apprehensive concerning the situation and have consulted the United States became known today.

Secretary Bryan refused to reveal today what steps the United States would take if American vessels or lives were lost and details of the policy being formulated by the American government were not disclosed.

That the United States is looking for removal of some of the causes of the present complication in the forthcoming answer from England to the American note concerning the misuse of flags was intimated in some official quarters. It was pointed out that if categorical assurances were given by Great Britain and her Allies that none of

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SPICY DEBATE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

New Bill Would Limit Liquor Shipments to a Quart.

DIVORCE BILL OFFERED

Would Put Women and Men on Equal Footing in Causes for Divorce —New Workmen's Compensation Bill Presented.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—Scarcely had the sensation in the House of Representatives over the Judge Carter-Solicitor Abernethy investigation episode abated this morning when the Senate started an exceptionally spirited and spicy discussion of the Hobgood woman suffrage bill that completely overshadowed it and quickly filled the lobbies and galleries with the most intensely interested spectators, the ladies thronging the three galleries and applauding suffrage advocates most enthusiastically.

Senator Hobgood opened for the bill and was followed by Senator Speight against the bill; Senator Cohoon for it and by Senator Johnson ,of Duplin, against it. The vote was on motion to table and this carried 37 to 11, nearly every senator making an explanation of his vote as the roll was called. The bill was merely for the question of amending the Constitution to allow equal suffrage to be submitted to the people at the next general election.

In speaking for his bill, Senator Hobgood reviewed the progress of equal suffrage in this country and abroad and said that he cared nothing for the sneers in the Senate and was "proud to stand with Dr. E. K. Graham, Chief Justice Walter Clark, Congressman J. J. Britt and Iredell Meares and Col. A. H. Boyden in advocacy of suffrage for women."

Senator Hobgood introduced a bill today to put women on an equal footing with men in causes for divorce; also a workmen's compensation bill.

Senator White introduced a bill to restrict receipt and transportation of liquors to one quart to a shipment and delivery. Three hundred copies of the bill were ordered printed.

The House passed the bill increasing from $400 to $900 each the allowances for the justices of the Supreme Court for stenographic assistance.

The House defeated the Foster bill to permit medical reciprocity by physicians licensed elsewhere to practice in North Carolina without meeting the requirements of the medical board. It was charged that this would bring into the State incompetent physicians.

New Hanover Bills Passed.

The Senate passed bills today to authorize a $50,000 bond issue by Wilmington for loans to citizens for connecting with water and sewerage and for sidewalks, and to authorize road and bridge bonds by New Hanover county.

The House passed the bill to amend the 1913 act as to bonds by the commissioners of New Hanover, and that to provide a special tax for Brunswick county.

House Proceedings.

The House was convened at 10:30 o'clock by Speaker Wooten.

Numerous petitions were presented for the anti-jug law, land segregation

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NOTORIOUS BANDIT FRANK JAMES IS DEAD

Stricken With Apoplexy at His Home in Missouri.

For the Past Thirty Years Living as a Quiet Farmer on His Ranch in Missouri, Was Once Terror to Many States.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Feb. 18.—Frank James, of the notorious James' gang, died on his farm near here late today. James, who was 74 years old, had been in ill health several months and was stricken with apoplexy early today.

One of the last members of the robber band whose unparalleled career of crime during the Civil War and the unsettled period that followed kept the people of a dozen states in terror, Frank James had been living the life of a quiet farmer for more than 30 years.

The son of a minister, respected throughout the community, Frank James joined Quantrelles Guerillas together with his brother Jesse, and took part in the sacking of Lawrence, Kas.

After the Guerillas disbanded, the James brother became bandits. Many notorious crimes of the decade following the war have been laid at their door.

Detectives surrounded the James hame near Kearney, Mo., on January 15, 1875, and threw a lighted bomb into the house, thinking to kill the James brothers. It exploded, tearing the arm off their mother and killing their brother Archie.

In 1882, after Jesse James had been shot and killed in his home in St. Joseph, Mo., by Bob Ford, also a bandit, for a reward of $50,000, Frank James surrendered in Jefferson City, Mo. He was there sentenced to life imprisonment, but after a few years he developed symptoms of tuberculosis and was pardoned by the Governor.

CHINA ANNOUNCES HER SIDE OF CASE

Memorandum Delivered to Powers of World

AT TO JAPAN'S DEMAND

Memoranda of Two Nations Differ as to What Japan Wishes China to Do—No Representations From United States.

Washington, Feb. 18.—China has instructed her ministers in the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia to deliver to those powers a memorandum of the demands originally made by Japna for concessions, and provides in return for the restoration of the territory of Kiao Chow to China.

Kair Fu Shah, the Chinese minister here, has just presented the memorandum to the State Department. This contains seven or eight more demands than those in the memorandum the Japanese foreign office on February 9 gave to foreign diplomatic representatives.

Officials of the American government were considering today directing an informal inquiry to the American ambassador at Tokio, and the minister at Peking, to learn which of the two versions was the present basis of negotiations, but it was not believed this plan would be carried out, because a voluntary explanation of the differences in the two versions was expected.

No Representations Made.

It was stated authoritatively late today that the American government, since the beginning of negotiations, had made no representations, and taken no diplomatic steps beyond keeping itself informed along with the other powers.

The belief prevailed in official quarters that inasmuch as the Chinese memorandum antedated considerably the statement given the powers by Japan, the latter document probably constituted the present basis of negotiations, and signified either that the original demands were only tentative and orally made, or that they had been abandoned by Japan.

The Japanese version, confining Japan's requests to privileges and concessions in Southern Manchuria, Inner Mongolia and Shantung, competent American observers believe, does not conflict with the two policies to which the United States has been committed—the principle of maintaining the integrity of China and the "open door" for commercial opportunity.

As for the original version now given out by the Chinese government, there was a belief in some quarters that the Japanese also had asked for privileges in certain localities, as the provinces of Fukian and Kiangsi, with new railway concessions and control of mining works. Obligations requiring the consent of Japan before choosing political, financial or military advisers or the floating of loans, were thought here, too, to have referred only to these provinces, and not to the republic of China.

According to the Japanese version, as given in Japan's memorandum, to the powers, her demands are restricted to the territory within her "sphere of influence" in China.

The "Open Door" Policy.

It was pointed out in some quarters

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LAYMEN'S CONVENTION AT CHARLOTTE CLOSED

Next Meeting Place and Date Left With Committee

J. Campbell White, Dr. Egbert W. Smith W. E. Doughty and George Innes Among Principal Speakers Yesterday.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 18.—Closing its three days' biennial session in this city tonight, the Laymen's Missionary Convention of the Southern Presbyterian church, east of the Mississippi, left the matter of date and place of next meeting with the executive committee. Features of the final session were addresses by Rev. Dr. Egbert W. Smith, executive secretary of foreign missions, Nashville, on "That Which is Committed to Us;" W. E. Doughty, educational secretary, Laymen's Movement, New York, "Intercession, the Highest Form of Service;" J. Campbell White, general secretary of the Laymen's Movement, New York, "Leaving Your Mark on the World."

The chief thing remarked upon by delegates and officials has been the size of the convention which, although the Southern Presbyterian church has been divided into West and East of the Mississippi sections, it has been attended by over 3,500 delegates, making it double the size of any previous convention.

The afternoon session was given over to a conference on stewardship and an address by George Innes, of Philadelphia, on "How Can a Man Best Send His Money on Ahead,' this being a discussion of the practical side of financing the work of evangelization. J. Campbell White led the stewardship discussions.

The feature of the morning session was the address on "Efficiency," by

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NO DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGLO-GERMAN COMMERCIAL WAR

No Incidents so Far Mark the Opening of Submarine Blockade by Germany

BRITISH PLAN UNKNOWN

Measures of Retalintion Unannounced by Great Britain—Germany Celebrates Von Hindenburg's Victory in Northern Poland.

London, Feb. 18.—No incidents, so far as is known, have yet marked the opening of Germany's submarine blockade of the British Isles, although it has been in force for nearly twenty-four hours. Nor has the British government thus far announced its promised retaliatory measures.

Precautions, however, are being taken on this side of the North sea, and, although the German government has warned the German people not to expect any sensational developments for some days, the regular cross channel passenger services have been somewhat curtailed, and altered. Otherwise the sea-borne trade of the country is proceeding much as usual.

The White Star steamship Adriatic, from New York, February 10 crossed the Irish sea during the night, but did not resort to the use of a neutral flag to evade German submarines. Other ocean liners, freight steamers are maintaining regular schedules.

A fleet of freight steamers left Denmark for England with provisions aboard, and it was to keep track of this it is believed that German airships, one of which was destroyed by fire yesterday, and another of which was reported wrecked today on the British coast, have been so active.

Interested in Note.

In England, Germany's reply to the American note to protest against interference with neutral ships is creating more interest than the threatened blockade and there is a great deal of curiosity as to what the United States will say in response.

Even Germany's victory over the Russians in East Prussia and Northern Poland and the claim of the Germans to have taken 64,000 prisoners take second place in these diplomatic questions between the Germans and the neutral nations.

In Germany, however, this second victory of Field Marshal von Hindenburg in the Province of which he had long made a military study, is being celebrated with the greatest enthusiasm, and the expectation there is that the Russians will take a long time to recover from the blow even should they make a stand on the Niemen river, as they did last autumn.

It is evident, however, that the Russians are far from being beaten.

According to their reports, battles are in progress not far from the East Prussian frontier and troops are being rushed from the interior to check the German advance, which is being made on a front some 200 miles in extent across the provinces of Vilna and Grodno.

Heavy Fighting in East.

In the Carpathians heavy fighting continues and the Russians claim to have repulsed all the Austro-German attacks, while in Bukowina the Austrians, with their German supporters, are pushing across the country. They have occupied Kolomea, in Galicia, about 16 miles north of the Bukowina frontier. It is again reported—this time officially—that they are in possession of Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina.

The Allies, in the hope of relieving the pressure on the Russians have taken the offensive along the western line and although the French and German accounts differ as to the result of this, it is evident that the French and British have made gains at some points, which they say tonight have been maintained.

The Germans have evacuated the village of Norroy, North of Pont-A-Mousson, which they had captured last week after a severe fight.

The dispute between Greece and Turkey over an insult to the Greek naval attache, at Constantinople has been settled by a personal apology and the publication of the apology in Turkish newspapers.

SUBMARINE MINE LAYERS.

Germany Has Fleet of Over a Hundred. Total Capacity Over 10,000.

London, Feb. 19.—A Daily Mail dispatch from Copenhagen dated Thursday says:

"Emperor William, with his brother, Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, and Admiral Von Tirpitz, the minister of the navy, and their respective staffs, left Berlin today for Wilhelmshaven, Helgoland, and other naval stations to direct the arrangements for blockading England.

"It is reported that the Germans have built 120 big mine laying submarines during the last six months each with a carrying capacity of more than 100 mines."

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Fighting Along Right Bank of Vistula in Same Localities as Previous.

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—The general staff today issued this statement:

"On the right bank of the Vistula the fighting has been going on in almost the same localities with great ferocity in certain sectors.

"In the region of the Niemen river we have found only patrols of the enemy.

"On the left bank of the Vistula there has been no change.

"In Galicia we repulsed an attack on the Khava-Vikorotch front with great loss to the enemy. Further to the east

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ARMY BOARD WANTS LARGER GUNS USED

Report Urges Better Armament for Coast Defenses.

NEED GREATER RANGE

Report Handed House Committee by Secretary of War Garrison Says General Improvement of Defenses Necessary.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Guns of greater range and power than any that could be arrayed against them were asked for American coast defenses in a report of an army board submitted by Secretary Garrison and made public today by the House appropriations committee. The board advised that the old type 12-inch guns and mortars "are not equal in range and power to major calibre guns afloat."

Mr. Garrison recommended the immediate improvement of some of the coast defenses so that the range of the old 12-inch guns could be increased to 20,000 yards and the board suggested that wherever it was necessary to construct new works the larger guns should be 16-inch weapons.

The board's report said in part:

"After full consideration of the question presented by the Secretary of War the board finds:

"That the old type 12-inch guns and mortars are not equal in range and power to major calibre guns afloat;

"That by minor changes in the carriage of the old type 12-inch gun and by the provision of a certain proportion of lighter projectiles, an effective range of about 20,000 yards can be given these guns; that these changes should be made;

Larger Guns O. K.

"That the great majority of our 14-inch guns, with certain slight changes which have already been ordered and by the supply of a portion of the projectiles of light weight are suitable in power and range to meet any that may be brought against them.

"That a policy should be adopted of providing through annual appropriations for such modernizing of fortifications as will result in keeping pace with the improvement in armament afloat.

"That in the case of those works where modernizing involves very extensive changes in emplacements, gun carriages, etc., it will be policy to construct new works and provide new armaments adequate for the demands of the situation.

"That the old works should be held, when practicable and desirable, as a secondary line of defense.

"That the mortars to be installed in future should be of not less than 12-inch calibre, with a range of at least 1,000 yards.

"That this weapon should be the numerically preponederant type in our coast defenses. It must, however, at any important point, be adopted to the exclusion of high power, direct-fire guns."

Garrison's Statement.

Secretary Garrison's statement to the committee reviewed the programme for construction of coast defenses which he said would require $40,000,000.

"The project as revised to date," he said, "calls for 1,301 guns and mortars of calibres from three inch to 16-inch inclusive. Of this number 1,184, or 91 per cent, have been provided for, all of which, except 16 are now mounted in fortifications. There remains to be appropriated for 117 guns and mortars."

For the coast guns, the Secretary said the allowance of ammunition was based on a quantity sufficient for a two hour engagement for half the total number of weapons mounted, and that there was on hand and under manufacture approximately 73 per cent of this allowance. The proscribed allowance of ammunition for fortifications of the insular positions and the Panama Canal, he said, was enough "to carry the guns through a two hour engagement together with special provision in some batteries for land defense needs."

Approximately 71 per cent of the allowance has been supplied for the Hawaiian and Philippine armaments and 78 per cent for Panama.

Of the total project for field artillery, Mr. Garrison said it included 1,292 guns and Howitzers, of which funds had been provided for the manufacture of 860.

Ammunition on Hand.

Ammunition on hand for the artillery was 38 per cent of the amount required for the guns provided for, and 31 per cent of the entire project.

Lessons of the European war, Mr. Garrison added, had demonstrated that aeroplanes were absolutely essential for scouting, and that automobiles were important in transportation.

The fortification appropriation bill, as approved by Secretary Garrison includes the provision proposed by the War Department to authorize the Secretary of War to grant to the Norfolk Southern Railroad a perpetual right-of-way through the lands acquired for fortifications at Cape Henry in exchange for all the company's lands and rights-of-way within these lands, the railroad to be reimbursed for its expense in exchanging the location of its tracks, stations or other property.

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today that it was to prevent discrimination against foreigners in these very spheres of influence that the "open door" agreement between the powers was brought about by the United States.

Secretary Hay's letter of January 13, 1899, said:

"It has seemed to this government highly desirable that the various powers claiming spheres of influence in China should give formal assurances: They will in no way interfere with any treaty port or any vested interest within any so-called sphere of interest, or leased territory they may have in China."

Japan's reply said: "The imperial government will have no hesitation to give their assent to so just and fair a proposal of the United States."

Interest in the Japanese-Chinese negotiations is intense in official and diplomatic quarters.

ANXIETY IN LONDON.

Secretary Grey Asked to Give Information to House of Lords.

London, Feb. 18.—Anxiety here over Japan's demands on China wa sexemplified in a request made in Parliament this afternoon for publication of the text of these demands. Foreign Secretary Grey answered:

"I am not at present in a position to communicate to the House information on this subject, which has been given me confidentially by the Japanese government."

CONFIDENCE IN WILSON.

Republican Leader Mann Urges Free Hand for President in Affairs.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Japanese-Chinese Far Eastern affairs were brought up in the House late today, Representative Hobson, who has resolutions pending which refer to the Japanese demands on China.

Republican Leader Mann and Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Affairs committee both protested that the subject should not be complicated and that President Wilson should be left with a free hand in dealing with the situation.

"At this time," said Representative Mann, "it is absolutely necessary that the House and the people of the country place their reliance in the President of the United States.

"It would be a serious thing for the Congress without all of the information which is available to the President to interfere in the foreign relations of the country.

"Woodrow Wilson is President. He was elected President by the people. We must trust him in these matters and we must not endeavor to annoy, hamper or interfere with him. I believe he is anxious to preserve the rights of this country and to preserve peace. I hope we will be able to protect our rights and to preserve peace. The only thing we can do under the circumstances is to have faith in the administration."

Not Time for Action.

Representative Flood declared "that it is no time for this country to pry into the troubles between China and Japan if there are any such troubles."

The same position was taken by Representative Kent, of California, who asserted that "we ought not attempt to establish and maintain a Monroe Doctrine in the Far East."

Representative Hobson introduced today another resolution declaring that the people of the United States would look with disfavor upon any effort to change the status quo in China while European governments are districted by war and would view with grave concern, as an unfriendly act, any aggressive move by a foreign government against the Chinese integrity and sovereignty.

PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSMEN IN BITTER CONTROVERSY

Washington, Feb. 18.—A bitter verbial clash between Representatives Palmer and Farr, of Pennsylvania on the floor of the House tonight held up final action on the annual pension appropriation bill. Debate took a wide range, and in the course of some remarks Representative Palmer said it cost a million dollars to elect a Republican Senator from Pennsylvania. This drew a hot attack from Mr. Farr. In the exchange that followed Mr. Farr charged that Mr. Palmer had been a lobbyist and Mr. Palmer called Mr. Farr a "tadpole statesman."

The pension bill carrying $164,000,000, probably will be passed tomorrow.

NEAR EXECUTION OF U. S. OFFICIAL

Consular Agent Stood Up for Shooting in Mexico.

BY CARRANZA TROOPS

Facts of Case Revealed at Washington —Punishment of Guilty Parties Demanded—Arrival of Officer Prevented Death.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Reports of the evacuation of Mexico City by the Carranza forces were discredited late today when a dispatch dated last night was received at the State Department from the Brazilian minister there making no mention of a change in the situation.

Earlier in the day officials received through border sources what was considered an authentic report that General Obregon had withdrawn and Mexico City again had been occupied by Zapata troops.

How W. O. Jenkins, United States consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, was about to executed by Carranza troops and saved only by the timely arrival of an officer, was revealed in a report just received by the State Department. Details became known today, together with the fact that strong representations on the subject, as yet unanswered, were promptly made to General Carranza.

The United States not only protests against the discourteous treatment, but demanded the punishment of those who threatened him.

Several Times Arrested.

Mr. Jenkins, who has extensive property interests in Mexico, was first arrested when the Zapatas controlled the city. When the Carranza forces subsequently entered a sergeant and several Carranza soldiers claimed there had been firing from his house. Later he was released only to be re-arrested, the report said, clubbed with pistols and taken to barracks where he was stood up for execution.

Just in time, a Carranza officer rode by and when Jenkins protested that he was an American consular agent, the officer ordered him taken before General Obregon. While the latter released Jenkins and apologized for the conduct of his subordinates, the State Department pursued the matter with a request for the punishment of the guilty.

The advance of Villa troops to the West coast was described and the fact that they are now menacing Mazatlan was announced in a statement given out tonight by the State Department.

Further information concerning the execution of General Donzaf, shot by the Mazatlan authorities January 24, came to the Department today. General Dozal, who made friends with the Americans at Vera Cruz by his attitude at the time that port was occupied by the United States, was accused of surrendering the city of Tepic without cause, of using public money and of giving arms to the enemy. He denied all the charges, the report said. Americans raised a purse to bury the general and relieve his destitute widow and children.

SEVERE NORTHEAST GALE SWEEPS COAST

Meagre Reports of Vessels in Distress Come In

Revenue Cutters Seminole and Atasca Go to Rescue of Stranded Schooner While Tug Buchaneer Reports Loss of Tow.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—The entire Atlantic coast from Cape Henry to points far beyond Cape Hatteras has been at the mercy of a severe northeast gale for twenty-four hours and tonight meagre reports of vessels in distress reached this city.

The three masted schooner Phineas W. Sprague, is leaking and adrift in latitude 34.2 north and 76.2 west. The vessel lost her anchors in the gale. The coast guard cutter Seminole and Yamacraw have gone to her assistance.

The Sprague was built in Thomaston, Maine, in 1887 and carries a crew of seven men.

The tug Buccaneer put in at Hatteras Cove today and reported losing her tow, said to have been two barges at sea. The crews of the barges were saved.

The wind reached a velocity of 42 miles an hour at Cape Henry today and at Hatteras 52 miles. A number of vessels, including several foreign steamers started out the Capes today but returned and anchored in Lynn Haven roads to await favorable weather.

LEGISLATORS INJURED IN FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Will Aycock Killed, Speaker Wooten and Others Hurt, This Morning.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.—Will Aycock, engrossing clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives, and nephew of the late ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, was instantly killed and Speaker Emmett R. Wooten and State Senator Rivers Johnson injured in an automobile accident, about three miles from this city at an early hour this morning.

Aycock was pinned beneath the overturned car when the chauffeur lost control.

Speaker Wooten and Senator Johnson were rushed to a hospital, where their injuries were attended. Neither is thought to be seriously hurt.

JACKSONVILLE EXPRESS ROBBED

Safe in Express Car Thrown From train by Bandits.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 19.—Two men last night boarded the first section of train No. 61 of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, due here at 12:30 o'clock this morning and after overpowering the express messengers, threw the safe from the doorway and escaped on a heavy grade running up to Franconia, a short distance north of Fredericksburg. It is believed that the men boarded the train in Washington. While the train was nearing Franconia they entered the car and ordered the messengers to throw up their hands. They were bound and gagged and the robbers made an effort to blow the safe open. They failed in this, and threw it from the train. The robbery was not discovered until the train arrived in this city and the messengers were found in the car.

SPICY DEBATE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

(Continued From Page One.)

and other Farmers' Union measures pending.

Then came the communication from Solicitor Abernethy for investigation of the Carter-Abernethy contempt case at Newbern, the resolution for investigations of this affair and the communications by Representative Whitford from members of the Newbern bar and officers of Judge Carter's court defending and commending the course of the judge in presiding over the court. These were all read and the order made by Speaker Wooten that they be referred to judiciary committee No. 1.

Also there came from Representative Clark, of Bladen, a resolution for the House to appoint a committee to investigate the official conduct of Judge Frank Carter and making provision for the taking of evidence and a thorough inquiry. This was referred to judiciary committee No. 1.

New Bills Introduced.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Currie—Make all North Carolina territory stock law ground.

Swain—Better protection of the oyster industry.

Tucker—Change the alimony law without divorce.

Mason—Clear construction of certain statutes relating to banks and trustees.

Doughton—Amend th e1907 act as to the janitor and night watchman in the Capitol building.

Vernon—Protect municipalities that have provided ceptic tanks and provide for trials of such cases.

Kittrell—Amend the 1905 act relative to the care of the poor.

Gibbs—Prohibit hunting, fishing and playing baseball on Sunday.

Hewett—Change the corporate limits of Bolivia, Brunswick county.

Clayton—Relative to the sale of cigarettes to minors.

Wall—For the benefit and relief of the State School for the Deaf in Raleigh.

Grant—Amend the law as to the Onslow county courts.

Speaker Wooten appointed Representatives Mason, Doughton and Stacy as a committee on the part of the House to confer with a committee from the Senate on differences in amendments to the Snow bill for increasing punishment of accessories before the fact in murder, arson, and other felonies.

Passed Final Reading.

The following bills passed final reading:

Amend the 1913 act as to bonds by the commissioners of New Hanover.

Provide for $900 allowance each for the Supreme Court justices for stenographic help instead of $400 as at present.

(The discussion on this bill was lengthy and the vote was 78 to 18 and there were no political lines, about half of the Republicans voting each way.)

Authorize bonds by Goldsboro for street paving.

Provide special tax for Brunswick county.

Extend the corporate limits of Goldsboro.

Authorize bonds for Raeford.

Ratify the drainage acts as to Rowan county.

Authorize bonds by Raeford for water and sewerage.

The medical reciprocity bill came up on minority report and was tabled. Dr. Kent, Dr. Capehart, Dr. Carr and others contended that the bill would open the way for the State to be flooded by doctors from other States who had not prepared themselves for the profession as to the North Carolina physicians had been required to do and would work injustice to the North Carolina profession and endanger the lives and health of the North Carolina public. The bill had been introduced by Dr. Foster, of Randolph, who spoke in its support.

Minority Leader Williams, of Cabarrus, was the the only other representative who advocated the bill.

The House heard considerable discussion of the bill to regulate conveyance by husbands when the wife is insane. Clark, of Bladen; Williams, of Cabarrus; Carr, of Duplin, and Smith, of Pasquotank, having spoken before the House voted to adjourn to 10 o'clock Friday morning.

It has been decided by the joint committee on finance to leave the tax on insurance companies the same as it has been the past two years instead of changing to a license tax of $100 for each company and tax of 2 3-4 per cent. on net premiums. The tax that will be left as heretofore is $200 for each fire company and $250 for each life company and 2 1-2 per cent. on premiums. This matter was settled this evening.

The committee expects to have the machinery bill ready for introduction Saturday.

Senate Proceedings.

The Senate was convened at 10:30 o'clock by President Daughtridge.

On motion of Senator Ward, the revenue bill from the House was ordered printed before the Senate enters upon its consideration by sections.

New Bills Introduced.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Appropriate $10,000 for the North Carolina Osteopathic Hospital.

White—Restrict receipt and transportation of liquors to one quart at a time. (Three hundred copies ordered printed.)

Cooper—Prevent certain fishing in New Hanover county.

McCrackin—Incorporate Bolton.

Thompson—Relative to the effect of wills before and after probate.

Bumgarner—Amend the law relative to the jurisdiction of mayors.

Hobgood—Relative to the treatment of prisoners.

Thompson—Require plaintiffs to file statements of the nature of complaints.

Hobgood—Amend the divorce law so as to put women on an equal footing with men as to causes for divorce.

Hobgood—Relating to the parole and treatment of prisoners.

Majette—Regulate the sale and carrying of revolvers.

Hobgood—Protect employes. A workmen's compensation bill. Three hundred copies ordered printed.

Passed Third Reading.

The following bills passed final reading:

Allow certain counties, townships and towns to re-submit the question of bonds in aid of the construction of the Greensboro, Atlantic & Northern Railroad.

Authorize bonds by Wilmington for sewerage, sidewalks and water connections, money to be loaned to property owners for making connections.

Establish Mount Holly school district, Wayne county.

Authorize road and bridge bonds in New Hanover county.

Improve roads in Craven county.

The Senate at noon took up the special order, the Hobgood equal suffrage bill, under minority favorable report from committee.

Senator Hobgood insisted that because the bill was doomed to defeat at this session was no reason for sidestepping the issue. He insisted that the suffrage issue involved a great principle and ultimate justice to the womanhood of the State. He reviewed the progress of the suffrage movement not only in this country but in other countries of the world and pointed out especially that equal suffrage is recognized in 49 per cent of the United States in spite of the claim that it is a fad in North Carolina. [illegible] said that within 30 days New [illegible] Jersey, Tennessee and Penn[illegible] decided to submit the is[illegible] people, North Carolina bein[illegible] state having the issue befo[illegible] that deadlines to submit the issue t[illegible] people.

Passed Third Reading.

Bills passed final reading as follows in the House:

Provide for stock law election in Pender county.

Amend the Lenoir county road law.

Relative to local improvements in municipalities.

Allow Duplin county to vote on the stock law.

Provide for road improvement in Kenansville township, Duplin county.

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RIVER AND HARBOR BILL NOW DOOMED

Means North Carolina Does Not Get That $1,500,000

NOT DURING THIS YEAR

Measure, Which Has Passed House, Cannot Pass Senate This Session and Extra Session is Not Likely.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—It is now apparent to all that the River and Harbor bill, carrying over a million and a half dollars for work in North Carolina, cannot be passed during the present session of Congress. Unless the President again changes his mind, there will be no extra session called this year.

Included in the bill as it passed the House is $173,000 for the Cape Fear above Wilmington to Fayetteville and $205,000 for the Cape Fear below Wilmington. These amounts were secured by Representative Godwin in the House and the bill has passed that branch of Congress. The Senate commerce committee amended the bill, making the appropriation for the upper Cape Fear $271,000 and left the appropriation for the lower part of the river as Mr. Godwin had it. As the bill will be defeated in the Senate, none of this money will be appropriated until next Congress.

Without first hand facts it was stated in this correspondence some time ago that both items were added to in the Senate. This is not true. The bill shows that the facts are as stated above.

Webb Commended.

Representative Webb received a letter from President Wilson today highly commending his work in securing the passage of the ship bill through the House. The President took occasion to tell the Ninth district congressman that the way he handled the bill both in the caucus and on the floor of the House was highly pleasing to him. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo also wrote Mr. Webb a letter of appreciation for his work on the shipping measure.

Wilmington Customs House.

The sundry civil bill, which was reported to the Senate today, cuts the appropriation for the Wilmington customs house from $220,000 to $200,000. The bill adds $20,000 for commencement of work on the Waynesville postoffice, making the total appropriation for the Waynesville job $21,000. An appropriation of $4,000 is carried for moving, rental and the like for Charlotte.

Senator Overman and Representative Small presented Nathan Newby, a former Hertford boy, to Attorney General Gregory today. Newby is now living in California and is a candidate for the Federal judgeship for Western California.

Relief Claims Advanced.

The bill introduced by Representative Godwin asking relief for the Cape Fear and Peoples Steamship Company, $50,000; Thomas Lutterlob, of Fayetteville, for $40,000, and the St. Paul's Lutheran church, of Wilmington, for $3,500, has been sent to the court of claims with a favorable recommendation. P. R. A.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Batch Delivered Contains Mostly Cases From Northeast.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17.—Opinions were handed down by the Supreme court last evening as follows:

Cahoon vs. Brinkley, Washington, reversed; Spencer vs. Jones, Hyde, no error; Bartlett vs. Lumber Company, Camden, reversed; Casey vs. Dare county, reversed; Shannonhouse, vs. Shannonhouse, Perquimans, affirmed; Martin vs. McDonald, Pasquotank, no error; Thompson vs. Lumber Company, Pasquotank, affirmed; Ferebee vs. Perry, Currituck, no error; Webb vs. Leroy, Chowan, reversed; Guano vs. Mercantile Company, Chowan, no error; Barcliff vs. Railroad Company, Pasquotank, no error; Bowen vs. Dougherty, Washington, reversed; Owens vs. Munden, Pasquotank, no error; Waters vs. Kear, Beaufort, defendant's appeal, no error, plaintiff's appeal, reversed; Britton vs. Taylor, Beaufort, no erorr; Shepard vs. Railroad Company, Chowan, no error; in re will of Bateman, Tyrrell, affirmed; Savage vs. Railroad Company, Gates, no error; Fleming vs. Railroad Company, no error; State vs. Etheridge, Edgecomb, reversed; Lewis vs. Fountain, Edgecombe, no error; Cottingham vs. Insurance Company, Mecklenburg, reversed; Morris vs. Hendersonville, Henderson, affirmed; Kivett vs. Gardner, from Harnett, plaintiff's petition for certiorari allowed; defendant's motion to dismiss under rule 17, denied.

Motions for oral argument in the following cases pending on petition to rehear were denied. R. C. and Southern Railway Company vs. Manufacturing Company; Cawsey vs. S. A.L. Railway Company.

MULLINS MAN KILLED BY LOCOMOTIVE AT HAMLET

Body of C. W. Gordon Cut in Twain by C., A. & W. Engine.

Hamlet, N. C., Feb. 18.—C. W. Gordon, a prominent citizen of Mullins, S. C., was instantly killed by an engine on the C., A. & W. railroad at Hamlet yesterday morning. There were no eye-witnesses to the accident. The passenger engine for the Charleston train was being brought from the roundhouse and when about 60 yards from the Bridge Street crossing Engineer Butts discovered that the engine was off the track and immediately stopped and when he got on the ground he found the deceased under the engine, which had cut his body in two. The head and shoulders were on the outside of the rail and the balance of his body between the rails. The body was shipped to Mullins, S. C., on the afternoon train.

S. H. HOBBS A CANDIDATE

Sampson Man to Be in Race for State Commissioner of Agriculture.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—From some of the several hundred citizens of Sampson county who have been here this week in connection with stock law legislation, it was learned that Mr. S. H. Hobbs, of Clinton, will certainly be in the race next year for the Democratic nomination for State Commissioner of Agriculture.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE IS DRAWING NEAR

The $25 Gold Prize Will Soon Find a New Owner—No Need for Impatience Just Yet.

Some years ago some Pennsylvanians visited Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home. A man who was born and raised in sight of Jefferson's home and who had been there from boyhood and upon many occasions, accompanied them. There was a very aged negro that showed them around and explained the different things in answer to many questions asked by the Pennsylvanians. At last they asked the old negro if there was not an underground passageway underneath the house. "Yes, sar," Mr. President was a very smart man, sir; when the British came up the mountains from the west side it was snowing, so Mr. President had his horse led into the underground passageway and had the blacksmith reverse the shoes on the horse's feet. When the British came near he rode out and down into the flat woods where the blacksmith changes the shoes again, and Mr. President rode on safely to the James river. Of course, the British seeing the tracks of the horse thought Mr. President had ridden into the underground passageway. After a search and they were unable to find Mr. President, they choked me because I could not or would not tell them where he was. Mr. President was a smart man, sar." The citizen who accompanied the men from Pennsylvania listened with astonishment as he never heard anything like it before. He returned to town (Charlottesville) and asked some old citizens and resorted to history and found every word the old negro had told was true. You will find every word in The Star's "Page of Presidents" true. The advertisers—those participating in this page—will be pleased, and it is true some one will get $25 in gold for his or her trouble in finding the misspelled words, one in each ad on the page, and answering two or three questions about the Presidents of the United States.

GREATEST CATTLE STATE SOUTH

That's What North Carolina Can Become, Says Dr. Smith.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Feb. 18.—Dr. M. G. Smith, of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, was in Newbern Tuesday night and spoke. Yesterday he delivered an address at Pollocksville, today at Mayesville, Jones county, and tomorrow he will be at Jacksonville. One of the chief points of Dr. Smith's address is the necessity of eradicating the cattle tick and the various methods which can be employed in doing this. The speaker is of the opinion that, if the proper care of the cattle is taken, North Carolina can become the greatest beef producing State in the South.

BONDS BEING SIGNED

Kinston Soon to Be Using Proceeds of $100,000 Issue.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 18.—The bonds for the $100,000 municipal improvements issue voted here last June and sold to Leach & Co., of New York, through Southern agents are today being signed by the mayor and city clerk and stamped with the city seal to make them valid. The bonds are in $1,000 denomination, and the issue brought par and good interest. Actual work on the extension of the sewerage system, enlargement of the electric lighting plant and building of several miles of paved sidewalk will be commenced about March 15 or 20, it is expected.

MRS. F. D. KOONCE DEAD.

Well Known Woman of Onslow Dies at Richlands, at Age of 75.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Richlands, N. C., Feb. 18. — Mrs. Koonce, widow of the late Mr. F. D. Koonce, of this place, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Hatch, here, in the 75th year of her age. Both she and her late husband were well known in Onslow county and in Wilmington. The interment will be in the family burying ground at the home of Mr. B. S. Koonce.

Mrs. Koonce was a devoted Christian woman and greatly beloved by all who knew her.

W. W. WALTERS ALLOWED BAIL

Robeson Man in Louisiana Released From Jail on Bond.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 18.—W. W. Walters, charged with kidnapping 4-year-old Robert Dunbar from his home at Opelousas, La., was released here on $500 bond. Sheriff Swords, of St. Landry Parish, is credited with a statement that no further action will be taken in the case.

EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS

Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Kidneys if Bladder Bothers You—Drink Lots of Water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus avoiding serious kidney disease.

CARTER-ABERNETHY EPISODE IN HOUSE

Solicitor's Request For Investigation is Received

JUDGE IS DEFENDED

Resolution for Investigation, With Abernethy's Request and Newbern Bar's Commendation of Carter, to Committee.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—The House of Representatives took steps this morning to have an investigation of the facts in the Judge Carter-Solicitor Abernethy controversy, which has become a matter of State-wide interest and which began more than a week ago in Craven Superior court at Newbern, when Judge Carter fined Solicitor Abernethy $50 for failure to sit down when requested or ordered by the judge to do so. To House judiciary committee No. 1 was referred a communication from Solicitor Abernethy asking for an investigation of the contempt case; resolutions for investigation of the affair, introduced by Representatives M. Leslie Davis, of Carteret county, and J. Bayard Clark, of Bladen county; and communications and resolutions presented by Representative Whitford, of Craven county, from members of the Newbern bar and court officers, defending and commending Judge Carter's work and demeanor in presiding over Craven court.

There will be a hearing within the next day or two on whether there shall be favorable or unfavorable report, Representative Dunning is chairman of the committee. Others on the committee are Allred, Battle, Bynum, Conley, Davis, Doughton, Hanes, Kittrell, Long of Halifax, Faircloth, Pegram, Roberts of Buncombe, Seawell, Stacy, Valentine, Witherspoon, Vernon and Grier, of Iredell.

When the House convened this morning, it received a communication from Solicitor Abernethy, of Newbern, asking that the Legislature investigate the difficulty between himself and Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, in which Judge Carter fined him for contempt and entered orders on the court records that the solicitor considers detrimental to his official and moral integrity. The communication follows:

"The Honorable House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina:

"At the last general election I was elected by the people of the Fifth judicial district as solicitor of the same, and have been duly commissioned by the Governor of the State as one of its constitutional officers.

"On Saturday last, in the Superior court of Craven county, his honor, Frank Carter, judge presiding, caused to be spread upon the permanent minutes of said court a memorandum in the case of State vs. Baugham, over my solemn protest, which said memorandum, in effect, charges me with being morally unfit to hold office, and during the said court his honor, Frank Carter, judge presiding, did other and great wrong to my office and to me personally, as is fully set out in my statement and affidavit supporting it, which were printed in full, and published in the Raleigh News and Observer, on Sunday and Monday, February 14 and 15.

"This serious controversy which has arisen, in my humble judgment, should be investigated by the House of Representatives, as the findings of fact so spread upon the minutes of said court by his honor are untrue, unjustified and unwarranted and do both me and my office and the administration of justice a great and lasting wrong.

"I hereby respectfully appeal to your honorable body to appoint a committee with full authority to take testimony, inquire into and investigate all matters which pertain to the judicial and moral fitness of the Honorable Frank Carter and myself to hold the offices which we now hold under the authority of the people."

Resolutions Presented.

Following the reading of the communication from Solicitor Abernethy, there were presented resolutions by Representatives Davis and Clark, providing for an investigation of the matter. Also there were communications from members of the Newbern bar and others against any investigation, and commending the official conduct of Judge Carter. One especially notable was signed by 14 members of the bar, including O. H. Guion, R. A. Nunn, D. L. Ward, W. B. R. Guion and others and members of the jury and sheriff and deputies. This petition and resolution follows:

From the Newbern Bar.

"The undersigned members of the Newbern bar and officers of the court, desiring to express our highest sense of appreciation to his honor, Judge Frank Carter, judge presiding, at this the February term of our Superior court, for the able, upright and conscientious manner in which he has in all respects conducted himself and the proceedings of the court, do say:

"That but for his personal sacrifice in accepting the assignment of the court and in surrendering the three weeks of his leisure to the duties of holding this court, through the unfortunate illness of Judge Connor, this act of Judge Carter is especially gratifying.

"Especially are we grateful to Judge Carter for his extreme courtesy in assenting to hold the special term for the week following the regular term without compensation and with the purpose only of relieving the congested condition of our docket, both criminal and civil.

"We desire to commend Judge Carter for the extremely impartial manner in which the causes on the docket have been tried and disposed of; for his prompt and most efficient manner in the disposition of all causes and in the manner of holding our courts.

"In this he has spared himself no more than jurors, witnesses and litigants; promptness and dispatch of his public duties have been the guide of his own conduct and he has held all others only to that same strict observance, which he himself has strictly and conscientiously observed.

"Feeling, as he has frequently expressed from the bench, a public duty to save the county expense and litigants delay, he has commendably urged and enforced the rule of promptness in attendance upon his court, and shown no partiality or favor in the enforcement of a rule which he himself has so rigidly observed.

"The enforcement of order, the observance of decorum, the earnest desire to expedite trials and the avoidance of delays and the refusal of continuances of trials of causes has produced for him admiration of the public and the gratitude of the bar.

"We deplore that an incident of unpleasantness has arisen which in the opinion of this upright jurist necessitated the exercise of the extraordinary power conferred upon him for the preservation of order and respect for his position on the bench, so needful for the administration of justice in open court, and without which every officer or bystander would be the judge of his own conduct and courts would lose their usefulness to the people.

"We feel that it becomes the express duty of lawyers in attendance upon the courts to aid the presiding judge in controlling and observing necessary decorum. And most especially do we feel that it was the duty of the solicitor of the district to aid the judge in the exercise of this authority rather than oppose his command and by an open challenge to such authority place the presiding judge in a position of enforcing his power, or of admitting to the public that the prosecuting officer of his court possessed power equal to that of the presiding officer, or an exemption shared in by no other officer, litigant or juror.

"This unfortunate incident having been given such wide public range and much injustice done Judge Carter by comments through certain papers in the State, we desire to express to Judge Carter our high appreciation for his efforts in behalf of the courts in this county; of his able administration of the law and justice in our midst; of his efforts to maintain the respect due the court during the administration of public justice, and to earnestly hope in leaving the court he has so ably and generously held at a time when great and serious inconvenience would have otherwise followed, that he may carry with him a high regard of the bar and people of this section, undisturbed by the recollection of so unfortunate an

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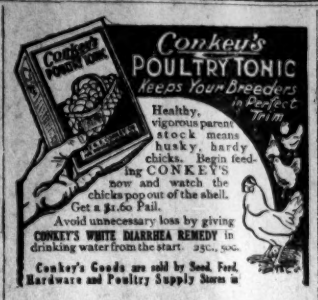

Wilmington and Everywhere

MR. W. A. ERWIN ADDRESSES DUNN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Body Elects Officers and Provides for Farm Demonstrator.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Feb. 18.—The annual meeting of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday night. Hon. W. A. Erwin, of West Durham, secretary and treasurer of Erwin Cotton Mills, delivered the address, his theme being the up-building, unity and progress of the town and community. He emphasized good roads, improvements, streets, good schools and high morals as the great elements of building up a town or community.

C. K. Grantham, the former president, was put in nomination, but on account of the duties of mayor and other things declined. Mr. McD. Holliday was unanimously elected for president. Messrs. N. A. Townsend, J. P. Pittman, W. H. Newberry, J. F. Wilson and P. S. Cooper were elected as vice presidents, Mr. C. J. Smith, present secretary, and H. S. Freeman, present treasurer, were re-elected.

A committee was appointed to take the new county bill before the Legislature and draft such help as they might need and go up and ask for the county of Jarvis again.

Mr. Grantham explained to the Chamber of Commerce that the farm demonstration work had been discontinued in Harnett on account of the commissioners refusing county funds; hence, Demonstrator Turlington, who had made a good deal of progress in farm work, was discontinued, and the Chamber of Commerce immediately subscribed $250, and will ask the State to supplement same and put Mr. Turlington back in the field on this side of the Cape Fear river. The Erwin Cotton Mills Company, through Mr. Erwin, was one of the liberal subscribers.

ROCKY MOUNT GETS GAME IN OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

Of Training Trip of New York American League Team.

New York, Feb. 18.—The training trip schedule of the New York American League club given out tonight provides for the playing of fourteen games, of which ten will be in Southern cities.

The team is due to arrive at the trainign camp in Savannah March 1.

WINTER DOUBLES WORK

In summer the work of eliminating poisons and acids from the blood is helped by perspiration. In cold weather, with little out door work or exercise to cause sweating, the kidneys have to do double work. Foley Kidney Pills help overworked, weak and diseased kidneys to filter and cast out of the blood the waste matter that causes pains in sides or back, rheumatism, lumbago, stiffness of joints, sore muscles and other ills resulting fro mimproper elimination.

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BISHOP DARST AT NEWBERN.

Preaches Inspirational Sermon at Christ Church—Second Visit.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Feb. 18.—Bishop Thomas C. Darst is paying his second visit to Newbern, much to the delight of his numerous friends in this city. Yesterday morning he delivered a most inspirational sermon at Christ Episcopal church. At the evening service he again preached and at the conclusion of the sermon he confirmed a class of candidates for membership in the church.

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Seed Potatoes

are specially grown for seed purposes, in the best potato-producing sections in this country, and are much superior to stocks ordinarily sold. All the best and most productive varieties:

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Watch Our Show Windows for Special Clearance Values

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Some men don't care very much about what happens just so it is none of their funeral.

A Baltimore pastor proposes to provide a courting parlor in connection with his church.

By granny, we are talking about "protecting our flag" while some of them want our flag to protect them.

War will soon break out in the United States if the people will heed the newspaper advice for everybody to make war on the housefly.

We are told that the new styles for men will be made to conform to their shape. In that case, men will go on looking like a forked carrot or a double-barrelled radish.

There is a great demand for Billy Sunday who entertains a fellow while trying to persuade him to quit going up a back alley to "chew the rag" with the devil's billy goat.

Dr. Eliot declares that it is a great misfortune for a man to possess a fortune of $100,000,000. Of course, it is, but we don't know anybody who could stand such a misfortune better than we.

Because her husband refuses to listen to his wife's poems, she wants a divorce. If she were to deliver a lecture to him once a day, he would soon find it a pleasant task to hear her read her poems.

The National Association of Merchant Tailors announces that pink will be ultra fashionable with men. Nevertheless, some men can be counted on to show a yellow streak when they have a chance to be a hero.

A Georgian urges justice for the rich and the poor, but he should remember that some of us have to hire a lawyer to keep justice from being meted out to us. We say us to keep somebody from thinking we mean them.

Says the Baltimore American: "A Republican will soon be back in the White House." Away back in it, at that. So far back that President Wilson will have to ring a bell to indicate that the Republican's services are wanted.

Comment is made upon the fact that so far one man and two women have been charged with grafting while employed in the Panama Canal Zone. It only shows, however, that just one man failed to be sharp enough to cover up his tracks.

William Barnes, Jr., Republican boss in New York State, is talking about running for the United States Senate. We hardly know whether he is in earnest or is talking just to keep Colonel Roosevelt from remaining in a state of tranquility.

Yes, Percy, a girl is much dearer after marriage than she ever was. She even seems to grow dearer all the time, as shown by the bills which come in at the first of every month. However, she won't feel flattered if you tell her how dear she is.

Napoleon Bonaparte said "The reason I beat the Austrians is they did not know the value of five minutes." We should all remember the value of five minutes. It is very important to get a start of five on some fellow when we want to leave him behind.

A London dispatch says women are going about the streets handing white feathers to able-bodied men who have no idea of going into the army to fight for their country. Of course, they do not care just so they are not handed a lemon along with the feather.

In a naval engagement a ship might be hit or sunk by an accidental or a well directed shot. Meanwhile, if a neutral ship happens to be in the zone of the fight it is more than apt to be hit after the manner of an innocent bystander. Each belligerent ship is subject to only one fire. The neutral ship might be subject to two fires. In fact, it is quite possible for it to be "between two fires."

PROGRESS OF THE PARCEL POST.

The government continues to get business away from the express companies by means of the parcel post, which furnishes much cheaper transportation for small packages. That is not all, however, for the parcel post is helping the big cities to get trade from small cities and country towns. Slow at first to appreciate the full meaning of the parcel post for making purchases and sales, the people are becoming familiar with its operations and are increasing their patronage all the time.

The parcel post really is revolutionizing the transportation of small parcels that come within the prescribed weight which the government will carry and deliver of goods, farm products or general commodities. It is a great convenience to some people and communities; it is equally as hard on others. The mail order houses in the metropolitan cities are reaping a harvest. They were smart enough to advertise and get in touch with customers on every rural route and in every small city and town in America and the traffic promises to become immense. Merchandise from the cities and products of the farm are going and coming and it depends upon the knowledge and keenness of people whether they get the benefit of it. Among the articles Wilmington consumers are getting from a distance are butter, beef and other housekeepers' supplies. Jersey and creamery butter comes from Charlotte and beyond, and some families are even getting beef from Northern markets.

Some of the mercantile interests are complaining that the parcel post is making great inroads on their business. At the recent meeting of the National Canners' Association a notable address was delivered by the president of the Wholesale Grocers' Association on the demoralizing effect of the parcel post service upon retail business and upon the smaller places in which mercantile business is carried on. When the service was first established on the plea of the great public convenience that would result, the parcels to be carried were limited to 11 pounds and the rates of postage were fixed so as to insure its paying its own expenses at least. Special stamps were devised and separate accounts were kept to insure this result.

Afterwards, however, this was all changed, as the president of the Wholesale Grocers' Association explained. The weight of parcels was increased, first to 20 pounds and then to 50 pounds (the latter weight only in first and second zones), any postage stamps could be used on packages and the accounts of receipts and expenses was merged in that of the general service. At first a large addition was made to the bulk of the mail matter carried under contract by the railroads, without any new weighing or increase of compensation for the railroads. It is complained that the change is utterly inadequate, since the railroads virtually are under compulsion to do this extra carrying at a heavy loss at a time when they badly need an increase of revenue and are restricted by the government in using it. The New York Journal of Commerce has joined in this complaint on this score, for it says editorially:

"Notwithstanding the enforced cheap carrying at the cost of the railroads, the expense of the general mail service has increased heavily, while the receipts have relatively diminished, and the department is running behind again at the expense of the people and for the benefit of those who avail themselves of the parcel post on a large scale. How far the growing deficit is due to this branch of the service is concealed by the merging of accounts, but there is reason to believe that there would be a surplus instead of a deficit but for this cumbersome handling of freight by mail. Meanwhile, by defrauding the railroads and loading expense upon the people at large, to add to the profit of those for whom the government carries and delivers merchandise over all distances, the legitimate business of the express companies has been seriously injured and one large company has been forced out altogether. At the same time these companies have been subjected to strict regulation, some of which was needed, and compelled to reduce their charges while they continue to make fair compensation for transportation by rail, probably more than would be the case if the government paid reasonable rates for its carrying.

"Who is profiting by this large scale parcel post business and who is paying the cost? The most conspicuous result is the development of the mail order houses, or that class of retail department stores which send their catalogues and their merchandise of all sorts all over the country, largely at the expense of the government and the railroads. By having the Postoffice Department do their carrying and delivering at a loss, which means partly at the expense of other people, they have been running the retail stores out of business in thousands of small towns the country over. If the cream of their trade is taken away by the big mail order houses of a few cities, these stores of necessity languish and the whole life of the town is affected, industrially as well as commercially. Mr. McGlasson, to whose address we have referred, gave instances of the depreciation of farm lands in these towns, from which the parcel post was drawing the life blood of trade, and of the decline in taxable values which undermined the support of schools and churches and spread the symptoms of decay over thriving communities. It increases the tendency of rural population to drift to cities and manufacturing centers.

Another effect universally felt is the demoralization of the legitimate mail service of the country. It has been so loaded down with this business of carrying and delivering packages of merchandise, including bricks and iron ware as well as dry goods and groceries, that what used to be called 'first class mail' has received anything but first class treatment. The people are exasperated by delays and irregularity in the delivery of letters of business or personal importance, against which protests have become so useless that they have been forced to acquiesce in sullen silence. During the holiday season letters are often a day or more behind in reaching recipients, while the mails and the clerks and carriers are burdened with loads of merchandise. The Sunday delivery in cities was abandoned altogether and when arrangements were made for getting letters by paying for boxes and going after them by a certain hour, many of them were not distributed and could not be obtained until the next day. This is often a cause of loss and distress as well as vexation. In short, this parcel post business has been so overdone and so badly managed that the whole postal service of the country has degenerated. There is need of reorganizing and bringing it within reasonable limits of public convenience and of efficiency and economy."

The foregoing is an indictment of the parcel post as a losing government business as well as to its interference with the regular mails. The railroads as well as the express companies seem to be losing money by it, and yet if the government compensates them and increases its force handling that class of mail, as it will have to do, the Postoffice Department will further increase its expenses and find that money is being lost on its carrying business. However, it will require several years to fully try the system out and devise ways for making the parcel post self-sustaining.

STOREROOM SHORTAGE

Wilmington's progress is again illustrated by another storeroom shortage, even during such a period as this. This is emphasized by the fact that one of its largest business corporations is now having a forced sale in order to vacate for the Woolworth Company, of New York, which is to establish one of its branch stores in this city. The firm that is closing out is the Sterchi-Bancroft-Rich Company, which has been compelled to sacrifice a large and elegant stock of furniture so they can give possession of the storeroom on North Front street.

The Woolworth people want the storeroom just as soon as they can get it, as they will proceed at once to have it remodeleled on elegant lines. Wilmington is glad to see the newcomers, but it is a source of regret that such enterprising and successful people as the Messrs. Sterchi-Bancroft-Rich Company will have to be eliminated, even temporarily, as a simple result of progress in Wilmington.

The Star understands that at least some of the latter firm proposes to stay right on in Wilmington, but it is a pity that there is not a suitable store room into which they could have moved with their elegant furniture establishment.

Wilmington needs some more modern business houses right away. That is plain, and it is hoped our local capitalists or others will take notice. The only two small storerooms available downtown have been readily rented for more new concerns, and still there is a cry for more. How about it?

NEW CRISIS FOR COMMERCE

The present tense situation as to shipping ought to aid the Democrats in passing the compromise national shipping bill which proposes to relieve such ocean carrying emergencies as this country has been up against and which is assuming a graver aspect for the coming months. Great Britain's war on Germany's commerce, and Germany's retaliatory programme which goes into effect today, is sufficient warning that there is to be another period of demoralization for commerce.

It may not last long, and the double war on commerce may not materialize as a serious factor, but such a situation is not to be guessed at. It is a condition to be considered and faced for awhile at least. Naturally the first effect of the war zone measures, which mean another shock to commerce, is manifested in the demoralization of foreign exchange, as mentioned in The Star's London cablegram yesterday. High ocean rates are apt to follow, and even should commerce be able to move it will be at terrible expense and imminent risk.

If there ever was a time when the country needed government handling of the shipping situation for a period, this is it, for there seems to be such a grave crisis at this time that the private shipping interests will not be able to cope with what commerce faces just now.

NEW POTASH SOURCE

The Manufacturers' Record this week comes forward with the statement that Mr. Charles H. McDowell, president of the Armour Fertilizer Company, has advanced the suggestion that the waste of the sugar beet industry in the United States could be made to yield enough potash to supply the entire present demand of the manufacturers of chemicals. President McDowell so declared in an address before the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and referring to his suggestion The Record says:

"This is another hint for the benefit of Americans who had come to believe that imports of certain materials were absolutely essential to the growth of American industries. Six months of comparative abstinence from supplies of the kind from abroad have set projecting minds to diligent endeavor to discover or invent sources of supplies at home. The time may never come when the United States shall be independent in every respect of every other country. Perhaps it would not be the best thing in the world for such a status to be established. But any influence that may induce a full realization on our part of the vastness and variety of our natural resources and a proper handling of them cannot be without its blessing, whatever may be its drawbacks."

We are half inclined to believe that there are in this country potash sources that are little dreamed of. The wonders of chemistry have never been sufficiently exploited in the United States as to make all the country aware of some of its mineral and chemical resources.

Somebody said when the momentous European conflict broke out that "Christianity is on trial." Well, those who try it know that the verdict will be a new triumph for the doctrine of love among brethren and peace on earth and good will towards men.

An American thinks he can do anything. If President Wilson were to promote a captain of industry to general he would accept under the innocent impression that President Wilson is a great judge of men. However, not less than 5,000,000 men and several women are advising him how to run the country.

Former President Taft says he sincerely approves President Wilson's foreign policy. When such a man as Professor Taft knows that President Wilson has persued the right course, it is time for cross-roads Solomon's to quit making a noise of a negative description.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Those farmers who might pan the Democratic Administration for the low price of cotton might turn to the untried Progressive, Socialist or the Prohibition parties, but there is no consistency in a return to the Republican ranks, since the last President before the present one—we refer to Mr. W. H. Taft—had cotton selling in 1911 about the same figure as today, and we did not hear all this hue and cry about the Nation going to the bow-wows.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

It is not difficult to estimate the bread tax upon the City of New York. The statistical theory is that Americans consume one barrel of flour per capita each year. New York's proportion therefore would be about 5,000,000 barrels. Estimating 373 loaves of bread to the barrel, we have 1,865,000,000 loaves, an increase of one cent upon each of which would in 12 months yield $18,650,000. Not all New Yorkers use bakers' bread, and so the new levy may not be more than half this sum, but it is a burdensome tax nevertheless, and it falls with greatest weight upon an element of the population that cannot escape it. Furthermore, the sovereign that assessed this impost has the power to double or treble it, if no superior authority intervenes.—New York World.

Mr. J. A. Taylor has made a proposition to the people of Wilmington which has aroused their interest. It is for the building of a causeway from the mainland to Wrightsville Beach. The Dispatch regards it as "an ambitious thought," and so it is, and yet it is practicable. This writer can remember when a newspaper suggestion to build a railroad trestle across the sound to the beach aroused much merriment in Wilmington. The causeway would connect the beach with the mainland and open traffic to automobile and horse vehicles, and everybody at all familiar with conditions there can appreciate the fact that this is the one thing needed to complete the equipment of the beach. The oftener the Wilmington people turn Taylor's proposition over in their minds, the better it will appear to them.—Charlotte Observer.

These remarks were made by the sometimes esteemed Associated Press in its write-up of the situation in Congress with regard to the shipping bill: "The inquiry will be conducted by Senators Walsh, Simmons, Reed, Burton and Weeks. * * * The House Democratic caucus went into session tonight with Representative Webb, of North Carolina, in charge of the fight for the special rule * * * and Representative Page, of North Carolina, leading the opposition. * * * The administration leaders made vigorous, but unavailing efforts to win over Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, leader of the next House. Late in the day Secretary Daniels, of the navy, made a trip to the Capitol." With the boys as evenly divided up as that we guess the government is safe, no matter which way the fight turns.—Greensboro News.

Striking tributes to the success of Secretary Daniels' administration of the Navy Department were paid recently by two former occupants of his position, the Hon. John D. Long and Hon. Hilary A. Herbert. We are reproducing their letters in another column. Critics of the course pursued by this North Carolinian have laid much emphasis on his supposed lack of knowledge of maritime affairs prior to assuming the duties of the office and have sought to leave the impression that the changes he has brought about are such as a landsman, and only a landsman, would think of inaugurating. It is all the more significant therefore to find his work approved by two former Secretaries of the Navy, who compliment him on his showing, one of them going so far as to approve of the abolition of intoxicating liquors from the Navy. The furore that was created when that order was given indicated that the finest traditions of the Navy were to be ruthlessly sacrificed by one who, by reason of his previous environment could have no comprehension of, or appreciation for them. And yet lo, and behold! ex-Secretary Long bears witness that it has been "vindicated by the test of experience." It looks to us as if the Secretary's critics will be compelled to take another tack.—Charlotte Observer.

GREENSBORO IS ADVERTISING

One Booster Trip to Neighboring Towns Planned for Each Month.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 18.—Several members of the Chamber of Commerce will have a trip to Mt. Airy next Wednesday, February 24, this being the first of several trips that will be made to towns surrounding Greensboro. One trip will be made each month. Already quite a number have signified their intention of going to Mt. Airy. The trip will be for the purpose of advertising Greensboro and give wholesalers of the city an opportunity of meeting their customers.

WINOCA TERRACE.
The Ideal Home Site.—Advertisement.

WEIGH YOURSELF BEFORE USING

Weigh yourself before commencing to use Samose, the great flesh-forming food. The wonderful sale on this preparation since first introduced in Wilmington, and the remarkable results following its use have made J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co. such enthusiastic believers in the great value of Samose that they give their personal guarantee to refund the money if Samose will not make thin people fat and restore strength and health to those who use it.

This is a strong guarantee, but J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co. have seen so many of their customers who a few weeks ago looked like walking skeletons become plump and well, solely through the use of Samose that they feel they cannot say too much to induce people to try it.

This marvelous flesh-forming food is assimilated as soon as it it taken into the stomach, makes good, rich blood, tones up the weakened system, helps to assimilate the food and makes the user plump, well and rosy.

ANNUAL WHITE SALE

THIS SALE STARTS WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED GARMENTS, SEVERAL THOUSAND YARDS CLEAN CRISP, WHITE LACES AND EMBROIDERY AND A FEW THOUSAND YARDS OF BEAUTIFUL WHITE GOODS FOR DRESSES, WAISTING, BED AND TABLE LINENS. IT WILL BE REAL ECONOMY TO PURCHASE NOW FOR THE NEEDS FOR THE COMING SPRING AND SUMMER.

WHITE SALE STARTS MONDAY, FEB. 15, 9 A. M.

SPECIALS

Yard wide white Pique, 15c value, wide wale. Short length pieces; White Sale price..... 10c

10 yards, best yard wide 10c Bleaching, White Sale price.... 69c

10 yards, yard wide, best 10c Cambric; White Sale price.... 79c

10 yards, yard wide, best 8c unbleached Sea Island Homespun White Sale price 49c

10 yards, yard wide, 8c Bleaching; White Sale price 59c

$1.00 Long Cloth, 10 yard bolts; White Sale price 75c

$1.50 Long Cloth, 12 yard bolts; White Sale price 1.19

15c Luna Lawn, fine sheer quality, extra value; White Sale price 10c

20c yard wide Luna Lawn and Flaxon, fine sheer fabric; White Sale price 14½c

12½c checked Nainsook, 36-inch wide, fine thread, White Sale price 7½c

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK

50c White Muslin Gowns, full size, well made, limit 4, at only 25c

Also 25c Corset Covers at 15c
Limit 4.

WHITE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

Here you will find high class garment made up in the best shape in first-class workmanship, even the cheap garments you will find patterned after the very best, and the same care in selection and workmanship.

50c 72x90 white Bed Sheets; White Sale price 33c

J. H. Rehder & Co.
THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE

WHITE WAIST SALE

This is an extraordinary money saving opportunity and we have arranged our Waists into four groups. Each one a wonderful bargain. 49c, 98c, $1.19, $1.95.

YOUR FRECKLES

Need Attention in February and March or Face May Stay Covered.

Now is the time to take special care of the complexion if you wish it to look well the rest of the year. The February and March winds have a strong tendency to bring out freckles that may stay all Summer unless removed. Now is the time to use othine—double strength.

This prescription for the removal of freckles was written by a prominent physician and is usually so successful that it is sold by druggists under guarantee to refund the money if it fails. Get an ounce of othine—double strength and even a few applications should show a wonderful improvement, some of the smaller freckles even vanishing entirely.

SCHOOL BUILDING BURNED

One of Finest Rural School Houses in State Destroyed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 18.—The Jamestown high school building, valued at $10,000, and one of the finest rural schools in the State, was totally burned this afternoon. It will be rebuilt at once.

A PERSONAL STATEMENT.

There are so-called "honey and tar" preparations that cost the dealer half as much but sell at the same price as the original and genuine Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. We never offer these imitations and substitutes. We know you will buy Foley's whenever you need a cough syrup if you once use it. People come long distances for the true FOLEY'S—over thirty years the leading remedy for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, bronchial and lagrippe coughs. Sold by Rob't R. Bellamy.

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FLYING SQUADRON IN WILMINGTON TODAY

First Meeting at Grace Church This Afternoon

Campaign for National Prohibition Opens in City—Prominent Men to Speak—Services Again This Evening.

The Flying Squadron, the most unique organization furthering a national propoganda ever organized in the United States, will arrive in Wilmington today. The squadron comes in three groups, each of which will spend one day in the city in the interest of National prohibition, and each group will have something different to present in the way of argument for a "saloonless nation in 1920."

The meetings will be held in Grace Methodist church today and tomorrow and in the Academy of Music Sunday. There will be two services each day, one at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

The first of the series this afternoon will be addressed by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of the well known book, "In His Steps," and Daniel A. Polins, National citizenship, superintendent and President's associate of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. Daniel V. Poling is the soloist for the day and night meetings. These speakers will be heard again tonight.

The programme for the remainder of the three days' visit in Wilmington is as follows:

Saturday—Dr. Ira Landrith, president of Ward-Belmont College of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Carolyn Geisel of the Battle Creek, Mich., Sanitarium, and Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, general secretary of the Epworth League, speakers. Frederick Butler, soloist.

Sunday—Hon. J. Frank Hanly, former Governor of Indiana; Hon. Oliver Wayne Stewart, former member of the Illinois legislature, and Hon. John B. Lewis, former member of the Massachusetts legislature, speakers. Miss Vera K. Mullin, soloist.

CITY FINANCES FOR EIGHT MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR

Statement Issued Yesterday From Office of City Clerk and Treasurer.

Capt. Thomas D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, yesterday morning issued a statement of the amounts expended by the city government up to January 31, which covers the first eight months of the present fiscal year. The statement shows amounts appropriated, audited, unexpended and overdrawn, in the latter column being placed the expenditures for items not covered by appropriations, as well as the amounts actually overdrawn.

Totals are shown by the statement as follows:

General Expense Account—Appropriation for year, $26,180; audited, $16,307.67; inexpended, $9,949.69; overdrawn, $127.36.

Police—Appropriation for year $41,571; audited, $34,107.06; unexpended, $8,543.88; overdrawn, $1,079.94.

Fire—Appropriation for year, $39,070; audited, $27,278.16; unexpended, $12,250.93; overdrawn $550.09.

Streets and Wharves—Appropriation for year $48,358; audited, $49,677.79; unexpended, $13,575.04; overdrawn, $14,894.23.

Street Lighting—Appropriation for year, $18,019; audited, $11,468.73; unexpended, $6,555.27.

Health and Hospitals—Appropriation for year, $26,679; audited, $19,647.40; unexpended, $7,031.60.

Deep Wells—Appropriation for year, $2,500; audited, $1,747.47; unexpended, $752.53.

Markets—Appropriation for year, $1,850; audited, $992.62; unexpended, $857.33.

Coupon and Interest Account—Appropriation for year, $98,000; audited, $58,754.59; unexpended, $39,245.41.

Grand totals are as follows: Appropriation for year, $302,177; audited, $220,076.54; unexpended, $98,761.68; overdrawn, $16,661.22.

In addition to the above the following items have been audited: Water and sewerage (operating), $52,303.84; sewer construction, $9,198.33; special work, $3,193.85; Fourth street paving, $15,544.31; new fire building, $4,535.99; street construction, $5,015.31; miscellaneous, $25; Market street, $15,332.50; tax refund, $115.38; park, $426.61; scavenger, $7,644.19; loss and damage, $442; sidewalks, $144.29; back taxes, $159.02; bond redeemed, $5,000; notes paid, $111,750. Grand total, $450,909.66.

TO FEDERAL COURT

Probable Cause Found in Case Against George Hill, Colored.

Probable cause was found yesterday by United States Commissioner George Harriss in a case against George Hill, colored, charged with having robbed the mails of several parcel post packages while driving the mail wagon between the postoffice and the union station. He was arrested on suspicion by Constable Davis last Saturday night upon a warrant sworn out by Mr. H. Mack Godwin. When his home was searched a large quantity of clothing and shoes were found, which are alleged to have been taken from parcel post packages.

In default of bond in the sum of $1,000 the negro went to jail to await trial at the next term of Federal Court which convenes in May. The warrant in the case was sworn out by Postoffice Inspector Yarborough.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Harriet H. Bellamy to Thomas McDonald and wife, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot in Harnett township, on Wrightsville sound and public macadam road; Fletcher Bansley and wife to F. B. Gooding and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot No. 113, Winter Park Gardens; Thomas E. Cooper, trustee, to John D. Bellamy and Marsden Bellamy, for $100 and other considerations, two lots in Seaforth, Wrightsville Beach; Alexander J. Mitchell to L. W. Moore, for $10 and other considerations, 1-2 undivided interest in lot No. 3, block "C," Wrightsville Beach Extension; American National Bank to Hanover Trust Company, for $10 and other considerations, lot on west line of 12th, 332 feet south of Orange street, 33 by 150 feet in size.

—Judgment was held open by Justice Harriss yesterday in a case in which Mr. T. H. Crews of Cape Fear township charges Mr. Ernest Wilson with forcible trespass. The dispute is over certain rents which are alleged to be due.

NO WORD FROM WASHINGTON

Col. Walker Taylor Does Not Know When Work of Tearing Down Custom House Will Begin.

Col. Walker Taylor, collector of customs, has received no further news from Washington with reference to tearing down the custom house in Wilmington preparatory to beginning work on the new $600,000 structure. It is presumed, however, that this work will begin soon, as Col. Taylor was instructed several weeks ago to notify all occupants of the property to vacate the premises within 30 days, it being one of the stipulations in their contract that they should move out upon 30 days' notice.

These notices were sent out by Col. Taylor on January 25th and the 30 days will have expired next Wednesday. No further word, however, has been sent and it is not known whether or not the Treasury Department will take immediate steps to have the building removed.

The department has heretofore shown a disposition to do things on short notice and it may be that plans have already been made. Colonel Taylor has taken an active interest in pushing the negotiations for the new building and has made several trips to Washington for this purpose.

It will be remembered that the department was urged to take immediate steps towards the erection of the building in order that men out of employment might be given something to do. This request received immediate attention from the Department and one result was the orders sent Col. Taylor to have the tenants of the present buildings move out.

Plans for the new building are being prepared in the office of the Supervising Architect at Washington and it is expected that they will be ready within a few weeks. As soon as they are completed and approved, bids will likely be asked for. In the meantime it is expected that the present building will be torn down so that no time will be lost in beginning work on the new building after the contract is awarded.

MR. MARTIN SHOCKLEY DEAD.

Former Resident Passed Away at Home in Seaford, Delaware.

Friends here have learned with regret of the death of Mr. Martin Shockley, a former resident of Wilmington, which occurred recently at his home at Seaford, Del. Mr. Shockley lived in Wilmington for several years, and at one time was proprietor of the Orton barber shop. The following from the Seaford, Del., News, of February 13, will be of interest:

"Constable Martin W. Shockley, of this town, aged 45 years, died at about 6:45 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home on Cannon street, after an illness of complication of diseases for over a year, from which he had been confined to his bed for the past two months. Mr. Shockley had been married twice, his first wife was Miss Helen Klett, of Wilmington; and his wife who survives him was Mrs. Helen Donoho, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Donoho, West Seaford. He is survived by three children; by his first wife, Klett, 12-year-old son; and by his widow, two daughters; also one sister and two brothers. For the past 20 years, prior to having been appointed Constable for this district, he conducted the hotel business in several towns in the state, the last before moving to Seaford at Conway, S. C. The deceased was a charter member of the order of Odd Fellows, Bridgeville, and also a member of Washington Camp, No. 1, P. O. S. of A., this town. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in St. Luke's P. E. church, of which he was a communicant, conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. C. L. Fischer. Interment was made in the church yard."

COTTON SHIP COMING

British Steamer Expected in Wilmington Today to Load Cotton.

For the purpose of loading cotton for European ports, the British steamer Ben Neviss is expected to arrive today. Whether or not the action of Germany in declaring a blockade of British ports will have any effect upon the return trip of the vessel is not known.

The City of Savannah, which left Wilmington several weeks ago with a cargo of cotton for Rotterdam, is expected to return to this port for another cargo of cotton for Europe.

In view of the large quantity of cotton now being shipped to Europe, it is of interest to know that the receipts for January and February of this year at this port are more than double what they were for the same period of last year. The receipts for January and February last year were 34,135 while the receipts this year since January 1 are 76,812 bales.

MRS. ELLEN LEGGE DEAD

Respected Christian Woman Passed Away Yesterday Morning.

Many friends have learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Ellen E. Legge, widow of the late C. H. Legge, which occurred yesterday morning at 8:45 o'clock at her home, No. 613 Orange street. She had been ill only a short time. She was 72 years old. The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow morning at 8:15 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. The remains will be taken to Southport for interment.

Surviving Mrs. Legge are two daughters, Mrs. George Howey and Miss Mary Legge. They will have the tenderest sympathy of a host of friends.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

To Appear Before County Commissioners to Advocate Causeway.

For the purpose of appearing before the Board of County Commissioners at their next regular meeting to advocate the building of a causeway to Wrightsville Beach over Wrightsville Sound, a committee has been appointed by Mayor Thos. H. Wright, composed of Messrs. J. Allan Taylor, chairman, B. Solomon, John R. Hanby, J. O. Carr and T. H. Wright.

At a meeting of the property holders on the beach held last Friday night the building of the causeway was enthusiastically endorsed and Mayor Wright was authorized to appoint a committee to appear before the Commissioners.

Lenten Services at St. Paul's.

Evening Prayer and Instruction services at St. Paul's Episcopal church will be held on Friday nights at 8 o'clock during Lent. The first Lenten services will be held this evening and will be conducted by Rev. F. deF. Heald, the rector.

—Mr. H. H. Murray, of Wilson, was a business visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Hotel Wilmington.

DATE FIXED FOR DEDICATION

Supreme Vice Chancellor Accepts Invitation to be Present at Opening of Pythian Building.

Supreme Vice Chancellor John J. Brown, of Vandalia, Ill., has accepted an invitation to be present at the dedication of the handsome new Pythian Castle Hall on Princess street, between Second and Third, which is to take place on Thursday night, March 11th. The fixing of the date for the dedication has been delayed on account of the inability of Mr. Brown to reach the city earlier. He will be the principal speaker at the impressive ceremonies. Grand Chancellor Baird and other officers of the North Carolina Grand Lodge are expected to attend.

The acceptance of the invitation by Mr. Brown to come to Wilmington was sent to Capt. Thos. D. Meares, Supreme Master of Exchequer, by whom it was extended. Accompanied by Captain Meares Mr. Brown will go to Goldsboro on March 12th where they will be guests in the evening at the dedication of the new Pythian Castle Hall at that place.

The joint committee on arrangements for the dedication of the Castle Hall in Wilmington is composed of the following from the three local lodges:

Stonewall—Capt. Thos. D. Meares and Mr. J. D. Kelly.

Clarendon—Messrs. J. W. Smith and J. F. Littleton.

Jefferson—Messrs. W. P. McGlaughon and W. G. Hatch.

DATE CHANGED FOR DR. MEYER-GERHARD'S VISIT.

Distinguished German Statesman to be in Wilmington Monday Night.

A telegram was received yesterday from Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, German Imperial Privy Counsellor, stating that he would be in Wilmington on Monday night, instead of Thursday night as was first announced. He will deliver a public address in English and there will be no charge for admission. There will no doubt be a large audience present.

He will appear in Wilmington under the auspices of the German-American Alliance. The address of welcome will be made by Mayor P. Q. Moore and the speaker will be introduced by Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Dr. Meyer-Gerhard has had a long and distinguished career in the service of the German empire. In June and July of last year he was in London on official business and is well acquainted with conditions in England. In August of last year he and Dr. Dernberg were sent to the United States, the former as Commissioner of the German Red Cross. He has visited and made addresses in many American cities since his coming to this country.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR BUILDING DRAW AT HILTON.

Work Will Begin on Railroad Bridge Structure in Few Days.

The War Department has approved the Wilmington Bridge Company's plans for the new draw bridge at Hilton, over Northeast Cape Fear river. The new draw will be placed on the site of the fixed span, which was wrecked about a year ago, and will be of the lift type, affording a clear opening between fenders, of 95 feet.

Contract for the sub-structure, consisting of piers and fenders, has been awarded to the Vaughn Construction Company, of Shawsville, Va., and the superstructure, consisting of steel lift and approach spans, to the Virginia Bridge & Iron Company, of Roanoke, Va.

The contractor for the sub-structures is now in the city making arrangements to start the work at an early date. It is stipulated in the contracts that the work shall be completed by November 1st. The cost of the improvement will be approximately $60,000, it is stated.

OFFICE FOR TRUCKERS.

Mr. C. E. Haskett Assumes Duties as Sales Manager of Association.

Mr. C. E. Haskett, formerly of this city, but more recently of Baltimore, has arrived in Wilmington, and has already assumed his duties as sales manager for the New Hanover Co-operative Truckers' Association, to which position he was recently elected. He was accompanied by Mrs. Haskett and they will make their permanent home in this city. They are being cordially greeted by their many friends.

Mr. Haskett will have his office on the second floor of the new Pythian building, on Princess street, between Second and Third.

The offices have already been furnished and Mr. Haskett is already on the job. The shipping of truck from this section to the Northern Markets will hardly begin before March 15th. However, there is much preliminary work to be done. Mr. Haskett has a thorough acquaintance with local conditions and the truckers feel that they are fortunate in securing his services.

CONVICTED OF ROBBERY.

Probable Cause Found by Recorder in Cases Against Three Negroes.

Probable cause was found by the Recorder yesterday in cases against three negro boys, Willie Flynn, Dave Brinkley and George Hilton, who are charged with having entered the store of Mr. Alex. Yeager at Eighth and Castle streets and having stolen a considerable quantity of clothing, shoes and other merchandise. In default of bond in the sum of $300 each they went to jail to await the next term of Superior court when they will be tried.

Lillian Wright, Robbie May Bloodworth and Lizzie Gibson, three colored women, were held as material witnesses and in default of bond in the sum of $50 each went to jail. The women testified that they saw the boys enter the store. The boys, however, denied having any knowledge of the robbery.

Luther Ward, colored, was fined $5 and the costs for an assault on another negro.

Giants and Midgets to Bowl.

At the Capps' bowling alleys, which have now been put in full operation, there will be an interesting tournament tonight, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, between the Giants and Midgets. The Giant team will be composed of none less than Capt. Eben Piner, Messrs. H. E. Longley, U. A. Underwood and Butler. The captain of the Midgets would not announce his lineup last night, but says that his men will weigh in at not over 112 pounds and will be fully able to take care of themselves. The public, the ladies especially, are invited to witness the contest.

WILMINGTON TOO RETICENT

Interesting Talk by Rev. Thos. P. Noe, Before Red Cross Society, at a Meeting Yesterday Morning.

An interesting feature of the regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington Chapter of the American Red Cross Society, held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, in the parlors of the Colonial Inn, was a talk by Rev. Thos. P. Noe, in which he declared that the lines of health work, organized charity work and handling the tuberculosis problem is little known outside of the city, because the local organizations seldom send a representative to the statewide meetings for the discussion of such matters.

The meeting yesterday was well attended and all the members were greatly pleased with the reports of the officers, showing the fine work that the organization is accomplishing. Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, the president, presided, and a record of the proceedings was kept by Mrs. S. Mendelsohn, the secretary.

Mr. Noe, in his talk, told of the recent convention of the North Carolina Social Service Association, held in Raleigh, which he attended, and he cited this meeting, and the discussion there, as an instance of the fact that Wilmington is not receiving the proper credit for the work done here along the lines he mentioned.

Few people outside of the city, Mr. Noe said, know that Wilmington, and New Hanover county, through the Red Cross Society, have expended nearly $10,000 in erecting a tuberculosis sanitarium and is expending from $3,500 to $4,000 a year to maintain this institution, which, together with the efficient work of the district nurse maintained by the Red Cross Society, and the efforts of the local health department, has cut the death rate from tuberculosis in this city practically in half in a few years.

The health work in Wilmington, Mr. Noe said, had also not received the proper recognition throughout the State. He told of an address made by Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of State Board of Health, before the Social Service Convention, in which Dr. Rankin stated that North Carolina was woefully behind in the matter of public health work, and called attention to the need for a larger support for this important work. No mention was made, said Mr. Noe, of the public health work that has been done in Wilmington and New Hanover county, and which has received the highest praise from the United States Public Health experts.

Mr. Noe told the members of the Red Cross that he made a talk before the convention, and told something of the work that has been done here, not only in the matter of organized charities, but also with reference to the tuberculosis sanitarium and in the matter of public health work.

He thought something should be done to put these facts before the State at large, and also thought that the different organizations here, such as the Associated Charities, the Red Cross Society, the women's clubs and others should send accredited representatives to all the State meetings of similar bodies, and in this manner give the progress that Wilmington is making the prominence that it deserves.

As a result of Mr. Noe's talk, the president was authorized to appoint a committee to draw up a record of some of the things accomplished here and send copies to Miss Daisy Denson, secretary of the State Board of Charities; Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, and Dr. McBrayer, in charge of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Montrose.

The Red Cross nurse reported that she has made over 200 visits during the past month. The report of the Health Department showed that only one new case of tuberculosis was reported during the month. The physician in charge of the Red Cross Sanitarium reported that there are now 31 patients at this institution.

The Society acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation from the Jewish Women's Sewing Circle for the Sanitarium.

The Society already has a large enrollment of members and is accomplishing a great deal towards the relief of the sick and distressed. The membership dues are only $1 a year. Half of this amount is used in Wilmington while the remainder is sent to Washington to be used in carrying on the work of the National Red Cross. The local organization employs a nurse for all of her time to work in the city. She has no connection with the Red Cross Sanitarium, this being an entirely separate work.

WILL OPEN BOOK STORE IN CITY AT EARLY DATE

Mr. J. A. Northam to Run Business in United Cigar Store Building.

Announcement has been made that Mr. James A. Northam will open a book and stationery store in the United Cigar Stores building, corner Front and Princess streets. This building, which was occupied for many years by Mr. I. Shrier, was recently leased by the United Cigar Stores and is now undergoing extensive repairs preparatory to the opening on or about March 15. The building will be divided into three rooms, one of which will be occupied by Mr. Northam.

Mr. C. H. Truelinger, of Raleigh, will open an optical supply house in one of the rooms. He will occupy the small store facing Front street. Besides carrying a full line of optical supplies he will have equipment for grinding glasses.

Mr. Northam was formerly connected with the DeRosset book store and has had considerable experience in this business. He is well known in Wilmington and has many friends here.

The United Cigar Stores have branch stores in all the principal cities of the country. The manager for the Wilmington branch has not yet been named. It is expected that this branch will be opened on March 15, if the repairs are completed by that time.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT

Two Interesting Games Promised at Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

Lovers of basketball are promised two interesting games of this sport at the Y. M. C. A. tonight when the teams composing the Commercial League will play two games. Baxters will meet Elvington & Mintz in the first round and the National Woolen Mills will meet Jacobi.

The games last Friday night were the most interesting and the most hotly contested of the entire series and the games tonight promise to be still more strenuous.

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MRS. STEPHENSON DEAD.

Funeral Conducted From Residence of Daughter Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Virginia Stephenson, whose death occurred Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, No. 203 Castle street, was conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church. The remains were taken on the afternoon train to Pendleton, N. C., for interment. She was 78 years old and had been in declining health for some time.

The pallbearers were Messrs. B. T. Hopkins, A. S. Holden, E. Child, C. H. Belvin, H. E. Walton and Rev. M. O. Alexander.

Surviving are four sons, Messrs. Charles Stephenson, Norfolk, Va.; James Stephenson, Severn, N. C.; LeRoy A. Stephenson, Pendleton, N. C.; John H. Stephenson, Clarksburg, W. Va.; and four daughters, Mrs. W. M. Robbins, of Wilmington; Mrs. Allie Taylor, Branchville, Va.; Mrs. Willie Woodward, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Charles Woodward, Severn, N. C.

—Mayor P. Q. Moore and City Attorney E. K. Bryan returned yesterday from Raleigh, where they went Tuesday night to confer with the local representative in the General Assembly relative to the several bond issue bills proposed for the city. At their solicitation Representative W. P. Stacy agreed to withdraw his proposed amendments to the bill to authorize a bond issue of $100,000 to refund the city's floating debt.

FUNERAL OF MISS HUGGINS.

Services Held from Residence Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Miss Allie M. Huggins, daughter of the late L. B. Huggins, whose death occurred Wednesday evening at her home, No. 903 Princess street, was conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

The pall bearers were Messrs. E. T. Huggins, W. A. Huggins, F. L. Huggins, W. A. Whitney, J. E. Grant and C. D. Weeks.

Surviving the deceased are one brother, Mr. Geo. W. Huggins, and one sister, Mrs. Samuel G. Hall, both of this city. She was 70 years old and was a native of Onslow county, but had lived in Wilmington for many years.

Sisters Have Falling Out.

Some days ago Eliza McArthur and Lizzie McArthur, two colored sisters, had a dispute in which the former is alleged by the latter to have had a gun. After the gun was taken away from her by her sister, Eliza McArthur is said to have used a brick on her sister, hurting her head so badly that she had to go to the hospital for treatment. Soon after Lizzie McArthur appeared at the police station yesterday to make complaint her sister came in and gave herself up. She denied having thrown the brick, but admitted having had the gun. She was arrested by Policeman J. J. Moore and will be arraigned before the Recorder this morning.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

General W. L. London and Mrs. London, of Pittsboro, are in the city, visiting Mrs. T. C. James at Carolina Heights.

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The ladies of St. Ann's Guild will have candy on sale in the lobby of the Hotel Wilmington this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

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The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the W. L. I. armory. A full attendance of the members is requested.

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"Our town of Pikeville has the honor of having one of the only three women lawyers in North Carolina," said Col. Wiley B. Fort, who was in the city yesterday on a periodical business visit. "She is Miss Mattie Theodosia Ham, a talented young woman, formerly a stenographer in one of your local banks in Wilmington, but for the past several years in the office of one of the leading law firms in Charlotte. And the best part of it all," said the genial Colonel Fort, "she is not of the suffragette kind, despite her entrance into the learned profession heretofore occupied largely by the men." Miss Ham passed the recent Supreme Court examination with credit.

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MRS. SOUTHWICK'S LECTURE ON INTERESTING SUBJECT.

The subject of the lecture-recital to be given by Mrs. Jessie Eldridge Southwick, of Boston, Mass., at the Hemenway school auditorium on Tuesday night will be "The Drama and Humna Life." This will afford a varied and interesting programme and will appeal especially to the members of the Literature Department of Sorosis. This department has been studying during the winter "Realism and Romanticism in Modern Drama." Not only has this subject been highly entertaining but it has also proven to be very instructive.

The positions that Mrs. Southwick has held have given her ample opportunity for dramatic expression and lyrical excellence. She has devoted especial attention to the interpretation of poetry. For many years a teacher, she occupies a place among the most experienced. With her husband, President Henry Lawrence Southwick, she has aided in the advancement of the splendid educational work of the Emerson College of Oratory and is now teaching ethics, Shakespeare, dramatic expression and voice culture in that institution. For some years she has been on the staff of instruction of the summer school of the South. She has also written much of real value.

Dr. E. Charlton Black, of Boston University, says of her lecture-recitals, "Ethical enthusiasm and an unusual union of creative and critical power give width and depth of intensity to Mrs. Southwick's interpretation of life and literature."

THEATRICAL

Again will the popular Follette and Wicks and their Victoria Girls, now holding the boards at the Victoria Theatre, present a new bill, and this one is said to be a merry corker. It is a tabloid version of the jolly musical comedy, "Madame, Excuse Me," and it sparkles with catchy musical numbers which the principals and chorus know so well how to present in most attractive manner. The plot of the musical concoction is, of course, one of pure nonsense, but of such delightfully humorous nonsense, and the ludicrous scenes are interspersed with bright, catchy songs.

The small scale of prices is making a big hit with the people, especially the matinee figures, which are but 5 cents for children and 10 cents for adults. The evening prices, 10 and 20 cents are also making a strong appeal.

The Grand Theatre.

There have been big shows galore in the way of movies in Wilmington theatres, in fact, the New Grand is the home of bigness, both as to quantity and quality, when it comes to shows, but today's offering at this swell theatre will surpass anything heretofore set before the folks of this city.

Of course, the latest episode of Harold McGrath's wonderful, gripping "Zudora" will be one of the features; a great two-reeler, but there is going to be another headliner, a big Kalem two-part, "In Wolf's Clothing," with Alice Joyce in the star part. "In Wolf's Clothing" is the fourth feature of the special Alice Joyce series and it tells of a fortune hunter who seeks the hand of a rich young woman. Other notables in the cast include Tom Moore and Carter Gordon.

There is also today a breezy Selig Western comedy on in "Harold's Bad Man," a story of luck and love, with Tom Mix and Goldie Colwell. Yes, this stupendous offering will be made by the New Grand today without one cent advance in the price of admission—5 cents.

"Her Bargain"—Bijou.

Today is another one of those great feature days at the popular amusement center. Friday is becoming one of the biggest days of the week, since the "Souvenir" policy was inaugurated, so that the Bijou patrons could keep themselves posted on doings in the movie world, and to enable them to know in advance just what they could expect in the entertainment line in the days to follow.

And there will be a grand array of film talent dished up—a total of six rousing reels of "The Incomparable Movies"—two big two-reel features, and two single reel comedy hits.

The bill is headed by that great two-reel "Big U" dramatic feature, "Her Bargain," which is one of the most novel dramatic features of the year, a strong society play, featuring Sidney Ayres, Beatrice Van and Doris Pawn in the leading roles. It's a novel story, done in a novel way. One of the original situations is where a pretty heiress pays a young student to marry her. This is just a hint of what to expect—something entirely new; something that will hold your attention throughout.

"The Old Maid" is a big two-reel Mutual drama, dramatized from John Trowbridge's famous poem, "Dorothy in the Garret," and features those screen favorites, Blanche Sweet, Mary Alden and Jack Conway, in the leading roles.

"Fatty" Arbuckle comes next, in one of his very biggest, brand new numbers, "Fatty's Magic Pants," one of the most ridiculous, mirth-provoking comedies you have ever seen, and this is followed by a rousing L-Ko comedy, "The Butcher's Bride," featuring those irresistible L-Ko laugh-producing stars.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. J. Lane, of Raleigh, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. H. H. Saylor, of Charlotte, was a guest at the Hotel Wilmington last night.

—Mr. J. D. McVean, of Raleigh, was registered at the Hotel Wilmington last night.

—Mr. C. H. Fore left last night for the Northern markets. He will be out of the city for several days.

—Messrs. H. L. Brothers and R. M. Jackson, of Fayetteville, were business visitors in the city yesterday, guests at the Orton.

Warsaw, N. C., Feb. 18.—James Stokes and Melvin Boone, the two negroes, who created such excitement here on the night of December 6 by resisting when the authorities attempted to arrest them for selling $71 worth of tobacco after they had sold it once and then stole it, and again placing it on the market to be sold the second time were tried in the Duplin county Superior court yesterday before Judge J. B. Peebles. Stokes was sentenced to two years on the county roads, and Boone was fined $25 and the costs of the case, as being an accomplice.

REV. W. R. NOE ACCEPTS CALL

Will Succeed His Brother as Rector of Church of Good Shepherd —Now at Windsor, N. C.

Rev. W. R. Noe, of Windsor, has accepted a call to be rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, this city, to fill the pulpit vacated several months ago by his brother, the Rev. Thomas P. Noe, venerable archdeacon of the Diocese of East Carolina. The new rector will take up his work here next Tuesday, February 16.

Rev. Mr. Noe has for the past several years been rector of the Windsor group of Episcopal churches, and has done splendid work there. Prior to taking the Windsor group of churches, he was rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Charleston, S. C., and before going to Charleston he was rector of the Episcopal church, at Clinton, N. C.

He is known as one of the ablest young ministers in the Southern Episcopal church and the members of the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd feel that they are fortunate in securing his services, and are confident that he will carry on successfully the splendid work begun by his brother, Rev. T. P. Noe.

Rev. W. R. Noe is not a stranger in Wilmington, having preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd and other Episcopal churches in the city on a number of occasions during the past few years. He is an eloquent and forceful speaker and a clear and accurate thinker, and his sermons are marked by an earnestness and sincerity of purpose.

He will be accompanied to Wilmington by his family, a wife and two children. They will occupy the rectory on Queen street.

BUCK QUARTETTE NOT UP TO ITS FORMER STANDARD

Musicuss Thinks Last Night's Performance at Brigade Was Off Key.

The Beulah Buck Quartette composed of Miss First Soprano (no programme and she was not introduced to us), Mrs. Beulah Buck, second soprano (we recollect her from another time); Miss Whitaker, first alto (we guessed that); and Miss Woodhouse, second alto, (here's hoping this is right) returned again to the Boys' Brigade armory last night in response to insistent demands that they be included in the list of this season's attractions, and sang and read to another overflowing house. However, this is the rule and not exception at the armory.

The personnel of the quartette seems slightly changed from last season and (speak it softly), we do not think it any improvement. There was not that pretty harmony which permeated their work of last year and, to our mind, slightly sung out of tune. We are inclined to think the lower voices are inclined to overbalance which was not the case previously. We also regret to chronicle what seems to be a fact to us that the programme did not seem to measure up to that standard which was set last year.

Only in one instance were were inclined to believe we were listening to at least a partial semblance to last year's work and this was in the reading (and the last number on the programme, too), of Madame Buck: "Four Measures in the Key of G". Superbly rendered and with an intense earnestness that held the audience almost without breathing, as she soared higher and higher into the realms which her subject took her until the climax of dramatic expression told the story which was hidden until the end. Beautiful, Madame, beautiful.

Miss Paddock (she of the first soprano—we met her later) still possesses the same bird-like quality of voice which was so admired last season. We do not think, however, she does full justice to her solo work in having to play her own accompaniments as one can plainly see under what a handicap she sings—all to one side. Her one number, the Nightingale Song, was well received.

Miss Woodhouse rendered acceptably a Scotch ballad, "My Ain Folk"; Miss Whittaker, "Macushla," the quartette, "Kentucky Babe"; "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," and one or two other numbers and with before mentioned ones, Mrs. Beulah Buck in readings, "Job Singleton's Comforter," and with Miss Paddock, "Fast Friends." Altogether, a programme varied and of proper length, but not without imperfections. We suggest to the Madame that she try to shake off the hoodoo which seemed much in evidence last evening before the next town is reached.

MUSICUSS.

U. S. Court Sale.

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ASKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

Mr. Walter G. Hatch Addresses Open Letter to Councilman Wood About That Note "Deal."

Councilman T. W. Wood's statement at the weekly meeting of Council Wednesday, to the effect that he knew something about a "deal" in connection with the city's notes for $40,000 issued in payment of the bitulithic pavement work on Market street, and that he would let the people know of this "deal" at the proper time, has aroused no small interest, and in an open letter addressed to him yesterday, copies of which were furnished the press, Mr. Walter G. Hatch calls upon him for definite information.

Mr. Wood was out of the city yesterday attending court at Whiteville. It is expected, however, that he will answer Mr. Hatch's letter within the next few weeks.

Mr. Hatch's letter to Councilman Wood is as follows:

"Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 18, 1915.

"Mr. T. W. Wood, Councilman, City.

"Dear Sir: I notice from the newspapers that at a meeting of the Council on the 17th instant, you intimated there was some sort of a deal relative to handling the notes given by the city in connection with the paving of Market street, and that you expected to bring the whole thing out and make it warm for somebody. I understand that you know certain facts which would be quite interesting to the public. Therefore, since you are representing the people, are not we all entitled to know the facts as you know them? and if anyone has been guilty of mismanagement, graft, or collusion ,and the affairs of the city are not being handled in an honest and business-like manner, for the best interest of all the people, then I think it your duty to so advise the public immediately. As this is a matter of public interest, I am handing this letter to the newspapers for publication, and shall await your prompt reply with interest.

"Yours very truly,

"WALTER G. HATCH."

NO DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGLO-GERMAN COMMERCIAL WAR

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the enemy endeavored to attack us in the region of Loubne-Stoudenne, but without success. In repelling this attack we made prisoners of ten officers and 1,400 soldiers and captured three guns.

"On the front from Koziouska to Mt. Vyschkoff the Germans delivered a series of determined and spirited attacks, forcing themselves vigorously in the direction of Mount Vyschkoff. All these advances were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Almost an entire battalion was put to the bayonet; the rest of the Germans were made prisoners.

"There is no change in Bukowina."

MORE PRISONERS ARE TAKEN.

German Statement as to Conditions on Both Fronts Claims Successes.

Berlin, Feb. 18 (By Wireless)—German army headquarters today issued the following statement:

"On the road to Arras and Lille fighting continues for a small section of a German trench into which the enemy entered on February 16.

"The number of French prisoners taken yesterday to the northeast of Rheims has been increased. The French losses in this region especially were heavy.

"French attacks have ceased in Champagne. To to north of Perthes fighting continues. To to east of Perthes the French were repulsed, scoring heavy losses. The enemy has only in a few instances advanced to the German trenches.

"The number of prisoners reported to have been taken by us yesterday has been increased to 11 officers and 785 soldiers.

"The enemy's attacks against the German positions near Boureuilles and Vauquois, to the east of the Argonne Forest and to the east of Verdun, failed completely.

"Height 365 and the village of Norroy to the north of Pont-a-Mousson, which were taken by the Germans on February 13th, have been evacuated after the destruction of the French fortifications. The enemy had made no attempt to re-conquest these positions.

"Otherwise there is nothing important to report on the western front.

"Near Tauroggen, and in the district to the northwest of Grodam the pursuing German troops are fighting the enemy. A Russian detachment beaten near Kolno was reinforced to the north of Lomza by fresh troops. The enemy was then again attacked by us.

"Engagements near Plock and Racionz have been decided in favor of the Germans. In these encounters we have taken up to the present 3,000 prisoners.

"There is nothing new to report from the south of the Vistula river in Poland.

"The results obtained near the East Prussian frontier are increasing in our favor. So far we have taken 64,000 prisoners, 71 guns, more than 100 machine guns, three hospital trains, aircraft, 150 cars filled with ammunition, searchlights, countless cars filled with goods and horses. Further increase of booty can be expected."

FRANCE IS DETERMINED

Premier Rene Viviani Reasserts Her Determination to Win Fight.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Premier Rene Viviani took occasion to declare afresh to the chamber of deputies today that it was the determination of the French government to prosecute the war until victory for the Allies had been fully attained.

"The government is determined,", the premier said, "to bring about the restoration of Belgium and to re-take Alsace and Lorraine."

The deputies wildly applauded M. Viviani's statement. Premier Viviani alluded eloquently to the tenderness felt by France for the heroic fidelity of the populations of the provinces occupied by Germans in Northern France, which he said, were "suffering under the brutalities of Prussian militarism."

France, he added, would persist until German imperialism, which had endeavored to Crush all liberty, was itself crushed.

The premier spoke of the sufferings of the people of France, of the courage and the steadfastness of the men in the mud of the trenches and above all of the high moral force which sustained them in saving the country.

The occasion of the premier's declaration was the question raised by Charles Chaumet for the republicans of the left, as to the propriety of two Socialist cabinet ministers Jules Guesde and Marcel Sembat, in taking part in the international Socialist conference recently held in Londo. Chaumet affirmed members of the cabinet could not act in a political sense with persons from other countries without raising doubt as to the unity of the French ministry.

M. Chaumet thanked Premier Viviani for having dissipated by his declaration any wrong impression regarding the national policy.

AUSTRIANS CLAIM SUCCESS

Occupy Town of Kolomea After Several Days of Hard Fighting.

Vienna, (via London), Feb. 18.—Official reports given out here today say that after two day of hard fighting the Austrians have occupied the town of Kolomea in Galicia.

"This success was achieved yesterday afternoon by means of a general attack on the Russian positions," the report says. "We drove the enemy in spite of his stubborn resistence out of his last positions in front of Kolomea, thus reaching the town at one operation. We prevented the Russians from blowing up the bridge over the river Pruth. The town, clear of retreating Russians, was occupied by us. We captured 2,000 prisoners and several machine guns and light cannon.

"In the Carpathians section as far as Vyschkoff the fighting continues with great ferocity. Four thousand additional prisoners have been brought in."

FIGHTING IN THE WEST.

Battles Continue Without New Developments—French Take Woods

Paris, Feb. 18. — The war office today issued the following:

"From the sea to the Oise nothing new was recorded last night.

"It has been confirmed that the successful surprise movement which made us master of the lines of German trenches to the north of Arras, northwest of Rolincourt, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. We captured a bomb-thrower and several hundred bombs.

"In the valley of the Aisne and in the sector of Rheims there have been artillery engagements in which our batteries have distinctly the advantage.

"In Champagne, in the region of Perthes, all the territory conquered by us yesterday and the day before has been retained. Among the numerous prisioners made by us February 16 and February 17 are found officers and men of the Sixth and the Eighth corps of the active army, and of the Eighth, the Tenth and the Twelfth corps of the reserve army.

"In the Argonne we have also maintained the advances won in the forest of La Grurie, to the south of Fontaine Aux Charmes. Furthermore, we have made some progress in the vicinity of Boureilles, at hill No. 263.

"Our success between the Argonne and the Meuse reported in the official communication of the evening of February 17th, have made us masters of a forest located to the south of the forest of Cheppy. We have furthermore made an advance of about 400 yards to the north of Malancourt, and we have made almost as much at a point to the south of the forest De Forges. All these gains have been retained by us.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

GRAVE CONCERN IS FELT AT CAPITAL

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their vessels would be permitted to flq the America nor other neutral flags, German submarines would be obliged to visit and search neutral vessels for contraband before destroying them as prizes. The suggestion in the German note that American warships should convey American merchantmen was looked upon by officials as impracticable. If mines were laid, as Germany announces her intention of doing conveys as well as merchant men, in the opinion of America officials would be edangered by mines and public opinion in the United States might be much more seriously aroused by the destruction of a warship than by a merchant man.

Mines a Menace.

In fact, the disposition was to regard the sowing of mines in large sea areas as creating a menace more than submarine warfare. When mines were laid in the North sea the American government took the position that it could not determine which of the belligerents was responsible for the action and did not protest, especially since pilots were furnished by Great Britain and neutral vessels were unable to proceed with their journeys. With the communication by Germany of her intention to lay mines it was intimated that a protest might be forthcoming unless pilots were given to neutral vessels carrying legitimate cargoes.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION AT CHARLOTTE CLOSED

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George C. Shane, of Philadelphia, in which the speaker contrasted the practical methods of business with those of church work, giving an instance, of a Philadelphia financier who, in a few minutes bought five boats for $287,000 and borrowed $300,000 with which to pay for them, but had a Bible class of 50 students that he could not increase by a single member.

Foreign missions considered from the viewpoint of support by the home churches was the general theme of the day's discussions and addresses.

For Chapped, Blotchy, Rough or Coarse Skin

Most skins require constant grooming at this season to keep them from becoming unduly red, blotchy, coarse, rough or harsh, or if such condition has developed, to overcome it. In such cases it is particularly inadvisable to keep piling on cosmetics which clog the pores and make the complexion worse than ever. It's a lot more sensible to use ordinary mercolized wax, which literally absorbs a spoiled complexion. Apply the wax, like cold cream, before retiring; next morning, in washing it off, you'll wash away fine, flour-like particles of the unsightly cuticle. Repeat for a week or more and you'll have an entirely new skin—soft, white, spotless and beautiful as a child's. One ounce of mercolized wax, procurable at any druggist's, is all you'll need.

If the skin be wrinkled or flabby, here's the best possible remedy: Mix ½ pint witch hazel and 1 ounce powdered saxolite and use as a face bath. It works like a miracle, yet is entirely harmless.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET VERY QUIET

But Ruled Generally Steady and Closed Steady at Net Advance of 9 to 11 Points.

New York, Feb. 18.—Cotton was very quiet today but ruled generally steady and closed steady at a net advance of 9 to 11 points.

Cables were about as due on yesterday's New York close and the market was somewhat irregular at the start with first prices two points lower to three points higher.

There was very little cotton for sale after the call and prices soon turned steadier on scattered covering and a little trade buying.

The steadier ruling of exchange, the absence of Southern selling which could be attributed to increased pressure, of actual, and the continued heavy export movement seemed to be creating rather a more optimistic feeling around the ring, and offerings continued very light.

Demand was at no time active or general but the market reached its best point in the late trading and closed at practically the high point.

The revision committee of the New York cotton exchange has not yet been able to secure sufficient data to establish differences under the provisions of the cotton futures law which went into effect today, but it is anticipated that all necessary information will be available in time to take care of differences for deliveries on March contracts.

Cotton futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Mar	8:33	8:47	8:41	8:49
May	8:62	8:73	8:62	8:73
July	8:81	8:92	8:81	8:92
Oct	9:06	9:18	9:07	9:18
Dec	9:27	9:34	9:27	9:34

Spot cotton, quiet; middling uplands, 8.55.

No sales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 7.88; receipts, 11,752; exports, 12,508; sales, 3,540; stock, 419,818.

Galveston—Middling, 8.45; receipts, 19,990; exports, 28,748; sales, 1,600; stock, 571,298.

Mobile—Middling, 7.75; receipts, 836; sales, 550; stock, 48,777.

Savannah — Middling, 8¼; receipts, 8,053; exports, 20,975; sales, 1,558; stock, 282,373.

Charleston — Middling, 8; receipts, 848; stock, 118,916.

Wilmington — Middling, 8; receipts, 711; stock, 57,428.

Texas City—Receipts, 2,645.

Norfolk—Middling, 8; receipts, 1,622; exports, 9,900; sales, 1,952; stock, 79,592.

Baltimore—Middling, 8¼; stock, 2,782.

Boston—Middling, 8.55; receipts, 94; exports, 1,904; stock, 11,100.

Philadelphia—Middling, 8.80; stock, 7,605.

New York—Middling, 8.35; receipts, 241; stock, 412,750.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 3,900; exports, 9,450; stock, 139,243.

Total today — Receipts, 55,692; exports, 83,485; stock, 1,851,677.

Total for week — Receipts, 308,504; exports, 338,295.

Total for season—Receipts, 7,597,543; exports, 4,856,665.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 8.40; receipts, 11,721; shipments, 14,839; sales, 2,593; stock, 201,654.

Memphis—Middling, 7.88; receipts, 2,569; shipments, 3,049; sales, 2,800; stock, 224,353.

Augusta — Middling, 8.00; receipts, 1,266; shipments, 1,819; sales, 1,521; stock, 147,983.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 6,716; shipments, 7,121; sales, 286; stock, 1,028; shipments, 1,544; stock, 59,126.

Total today—Receipts, 25,504; shipments, 1,035; stock, 13,313.

Dallas—Middling, 8; sales, 3,314.

Little Rock—Middling, 7.75; receipts, 38,138.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 2,204; shipments, 29,407; stock, 684,567.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Had a Steady Undertone —Prices Stood at Net Advance.

New Orleans, Feb. 18.—Cotton had a steady undertone today. Moderate buying served to keep prices at a net advance after a decline of 2 to 4 points on the near months at the opening. The close was at a net gain for the season of 6 to 7 points. Spots lost six points at 7.88 for middling, but this was lost sight of in the rather large sales of 3,540 bales.

By some it was believed that the reduction in quotations was due to further adjustment to meet the new government standards.

Reports from New England that many mills were running full time were a stimulating feature of the day's news. Some of the buying apparently was based on the export movement. Foreign shipments for the day amounted to 83,485 bales, while total net receipts at all ports were 55,692 bales. Exports this far thus week amount to 338,295 bales and those for the season 4,856,665.

Cotton futures closing: March 8.12; May 8.41; July 8.59; October 8.85; December 9.00.

Spot cotton easy, six points off, sales on the spot 2,340 bales to arrive 1,200.

COTTON SEED OIL.

New York, February 18. — Cotton seed oil was lower today, under scattered liquidation, induced by the weakness in hog products and the disquieting foreign shipping conditions. Final prices were generally 10 to 12 points net lower. Sales, 8,700.

The market closed easy. Spot, 7.00@7.15; February, 7.05@7.15; March, 7.09@7.13; April, 7.14@7.15; May, 7.12@7.13; June, 7.24@7.20; July, 7.32@7.33; August, 7.40@7.43; September, 7.52@7.54.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, February 18. — Spot cotton, lower; good middling, 5.25; middling, 4.95; low middling, 4.54. Sales, 6,000; speculation and export, 1,000. Receipts, 39,361; futures, steady. May-June, 4.87½; July-August, 4.96; October-November, 5.07½; January-February, 5.14½.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, February 18.—Men's wear was today ordered actively by buyers who feared advances. Cotton goods and yarns were steady, but quiet. Raw silk was quiet, with an easier tendency.

WHEAT REGISTERS ADVANCE

Break of Deadlock Resulting from Submarine Blockade of England Advances Prices.

Chicago, Feb. 18. — Export demand broader than ever whirled the price of wheat upward today after a break of 4⅝ that was largely due to the dead lock over the so called submarine war zone. The market finished strong, at 1? to 1¾ net advance. Corn gained ?@½ to Z@⅝, and oats ⅛ to ⅛@¼. In provisions, the outcome ranged from a shade to 27½ decline.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May, 1.61⅝; July, 1.33½.

Corn—May, 78⅜; July, 79⅝.

Oats—May, 59⅞; July, 55⅛.

Pork—May, 18.62; July, 19.07.

Lard—May, 10.57; July, 10.75.

Ribs—May, 10.15; July, 10.37.

Cash grain:

Wheat — No. 2, red, 1.55½@1.61¾; No. 3, hard, 1.61½@1.62¾.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Schr. Ruby (Amer.), 1,606 tons, Pennington, Heide & Co.

Str. Mar Adriatico (Sp.), 1,783 tons, Bilboa, Henry Whyte.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 2,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Herbert May, 318 tons, Black, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Rebecca R. Douglas, 399 tons, Ladd, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Steady, at 41c.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—Nominal.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet, $2.75 per barrel for soft; $2.75 per barrel for virgin; $1.50 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, firm, $3.80. Tar, firm, $2.50-9c. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.50, $3.50, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	(—)
Tar	226
Crude Turpentine	2

Receipts —Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 1 cask; rosin, 12 barrels; tar, 24 barrels; crude turpentine, 2 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Spot, middling, steady, 8c; quotations same day last year, nominal.

Receipts—737 bales; same day last year, 1,462 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, to date, 145,443 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 348,374 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Feb. 18.

Atlantic Coast Line—365 bales cotton; 19 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—340 bales cotton; 137 barrels tar.

Str. Oast—32 bales cotton; 68 barrels tar.

Total—737 bales cotton; 226 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 13.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

PEAS—Black eyed peas, $2.50 per bu.; cow peas, market not open.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 65@75c. per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good sales.

PORK—Small, 8@10c per lb.

SHEEP—Out of season.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 15c. lb.; very dull; no sales.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 15c.; no sale.

EGGS—17@20c. per doz.; very dull; price expected to go lower.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., February 16.—Spanish—Farmers' stock, market quiet, 80c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock. Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3¼c. per lb.; Fancy Hand Picked, 3¼c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¼c. per lb.; Shelling Stock, 2¼ to 2¾c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 13.—North Carolina Peanuts — Market, firm; new crop, fancy hand picked, 70c; No. 1, machine picked, 60c per bu.

Virginia Peanuts—Steady. New crop Jumboes, 60c; fancy hand picked, 55c; No. 1, machine picked, 50c per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

DR. HERNDON TO LIVERPOOL.

Rocky Mount Veterinarian in Charge of Cargo of Horses for Allies.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Feb. 18.—From Newport News there sailed an English merchant ship with a cargo of horses for the English government, and with Dr. F. C. Herndon, of this city, veterinarian in charge.

Dr. Herndon left Tuesday to assume duties of caring for a cargo of between 1,500 and 2,000 horses, which have just been purchased by the British government and which are intended for army service in France and Belgium.

Dr. Herndon will continue in charge until this cargo is delivered on the docks at Liverpool.

STOCKS AND BONDS DULL

Foreign Influences Again the Controlling Factors in Trading—Awaiting European Developments.

New York, Feb. 18.—Foreign influences were again the controlling factors of today's dull and sagging stock market. Developments in connection with Germany's marine war policy were awaited with the keenest interest and were anticipated in further selling of high grade securities for European account.

After the close of the market it became known that the British treasury has issued a notice prohibiting British shareholders from participating in the New York Central $100,000,000 6 per cent debenture issue and would not permit dealings in these bonds on the London stock exchange. Bankers pointed out that this prohibition would not hold if British investors saw fit to forward their participations direct to this country.

Leading shares were under pressure most of the session, but declines in that group were merely nominal. Movements in certain specialties excited adverse comment, but were otherwise without effect. Inconspicuous stocks like Colorado Fuel, Cuban Sugar, American Writing Paper preferred and American Locomotive preferred lost from 2 to 4 points. Locomotive falling to its new minimum of 31.

Foreign exchange continued to move unevenly, but at no time did it decline to the low rates of the early week. There were wide fluctuations in francs and marks, but these also held above recent quotations. The Bank of England reported a further loss of gold, its decrease of $8,300,000 being treaceable in part to exports from Canada to this country. Deposits of the Bank of France showed a contraction of $12,000,000 from the previous week and discounts were reduced by about $65,000,000.

Sales of Northern Pacific 4s and the several Southern Pacific shares for future delivery at concessions were the features of the heavy bond market. Total sales, par value, were $1,923,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	53
American Agricultural	J.B. 49
American Can	27
American Car and Foundry	43½
American Cities, pfd	offered. 52
American Cotton Oil	45
American Smelting	62¼
American Snuff	B.148
American Sugar	102¼
American Tel. and Tel	119
American Tobacco	220
Atchison	93¾
Atlantic Coast Line	103½
Baltimore and Ohio	67
Canadian Pacific	157
Central Leather	33¼
Chesapeake and Ohio	41
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	85½
Erie	21⅝
General Electric	141
Great Northern, pfd	114½
Illinois Central	B.105½
Interborough-Met., pfd	56½
Kansas City Southern	22
Lehigh Valley	132
Louisville and Nashville	114⅝
Liggett and Myers	B.205½
Lorillard Co	B.160
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	10⅝
Missouri Pacific	11⅛
Mexican Petroleum	65
New York Central	84
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	47½
Norfolk and Western	99⅞
Northern Pacific	102½
Pennsylvania	104¾
Reading	142½
Rep. Iron and Steel	B. 19
Roc. Iron and Steel, pfd	B. 73
Rock Island Co	⅜
Rock Island Co., pfd	1¾
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	3½
Seaboard Air Line	12¾
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	36
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	25
Southern Pacific	83⅝
Southern Railway	15
Southern Railway, pfd	48
Tennessee Copper	29
Texas Co	127¼
Texas and Pacific	11½
Union Pacific	118⅞
United States Steel	41⅝
United States Steel, pfd	104
Utah Copper	51⅞
Virginia-Caro. Chem	20½
Western Union	62¼
Bethlehem Steel	55⅛

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, February 18. — Mercantile paper, 3½@4; sterling exchange, strong; sixty day bills, 4.8050; for cables, 4.82; for demand, 4.8160. Bar silver, 48¾. Mexican dollars, 37½.

Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds heavy.

Time loans, steady. Sixty days, 2¼@2¾; ninety days, 2¾@3; six months, 3¼.

Call money, steady; ruling rate, 2.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Feb. 18. — Turpentine, firm, 42; sales, 20; receipts, 126; shipments, 1,368; stocks, 34,105.

Rosin — Firm. Sales, 182; receipts, 381; shipments, 910; stocks, 135,873.

Quote: A, B, 2.95; C, D, 3.02½; E, F, 3.05; G, 3.10; H, 3.12½; I, 3.15; K, 3.35; M, 4.00; N, 5.00; W G, 4.40; W W, 5.55.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, February 18. — Hogs — Weak. Bulk, 6.45@6.55; light, 6.30@6.55; mixed, 6.35@6.55; heavy, 6.15@6.50; rough, 6.15@6.25; pigs, 5.25@6.50.

Cattle—Strong. Native steers, 5.25@8.50; western, 4.80@7.35; cows and heifers, 3.40@7.60; calves, 7.00@10.50.

Sheep—Firm. Sheep, 6.30; yearlings, 7.25@7.90; lambs, 7.25@7.90.

DODSON'S BODY RECOVERED.

Norfolk Man Who Went Down With Yacht Julia on January 15th.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Feb. 18.—A telephone message received in Newbern yesterday from Engelhard, Hyde county, stated that the body of Gustavus P. Dodson, one of the victims of the ill-fated pleasure yacht Julia, which went down off Shoal Point on the morning of January 15, had been recovered, having come to the surface and located by fishermen at that place.

A message was sent to the relatives of Dodson who reside at Norfolk, Va., as soon as the body was found and a brother at once went to Elizabeth City to take the body in charge, it having been shipped to that point.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

February 19, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 33 degrees; at 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 47 degrees; minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 40 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, 2.52 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 12.3 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Friday and probably Saturday.

The Port Calendar, Feb. 19, 1915.

Sun rises	6:52 A. M.
Sun sets	6:00 P. M.
Day's length	11 hrs. 8 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	1:20	1:43	8:47	8:51
Southport	11:22	11:50	5:33	5:47
Masonboro Inl	11:11	11:39	5:13	5:27

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

February 18, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	72	50	.0
Asheville	clear	60	24	.0
Atlanta	clear	54	36	.0
Augusta	clear	54	36	.0
Birmingh	clear	58	40	.0
Boston	clear	34	20	.0
Charleston	clear	52	36	.0
Charlotte	clear	48	30	.0
Chicago	clear	40	30	.0
Galveston	cldy	60	52	.0
Jacksonv	pt cldy	—	38	.0
Memphis	cldy	62	40	.0
Mobile	pt cldy	58	44	.0
Montgom'y	pt cldy	58	42	.0
New Orl.	clear	62	46	.0
New York	clear	34	22	.0
Oklahoma	cldy	54	44	.0
Palestine	cldy	60	46	.0
Pittsburg	clear	44	22	.0
Raleigh	clear	44	30	.0
Savannah	clear	56	36	.0
Shreveport	cldy	60	42	.0
St. Louis	pt cldy	50	34	.0
Washing'n	clear	42	26	.0

CUMBERLAND CORN TEST CLUB CLOSES TWO DAYS' SESSION

Interesting Talks by Experts in Corn Growing.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 18.—The Cumberland Corn Test club adjourned a two days' session here today after listening to instructive talks by Prof. T. E. Browne, of A. & M. college, on the culture of peanuts, and A. G. Garren, assistant agronomist of the State Department of Agriculture, on the selection of seed corn. The attendance at today's and yesterday's sessions was encouragingly good, and the farmers, especially the younger ones, showed much interest. State Agent C. R. Hudson's instruction in testing seed corn is considered especially valuable.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Feb. 18. — Raw sugar, nominal. Molasses sugar, 3.74; centrifugal, 4.51; refined, steady.

Butter—Steadier.

Cheese—Steady.

Coffee—Spot, steady; Rio, No. 7, 7¾; Santos, No. 4, 9¾.

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Having this day qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Gabriel James Boney, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties having claims against the estate of said testator to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned, on or before January 22nd, 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated this January 21st, 1915.

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY,
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Lv. Durham	7:00a.m.	5:30p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45a.m.	7:00p.m.
Ar. Chicago	5:00p.m.	8:00a.m.
Ar. St. Louis	6:32p.m.	8:30a.m.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDUEL

In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for	Leave Wrightsville for	Leave for for
			Wilmington	Wilmington	Wilmington
			a6:20 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
			a7:31 A. M.	7:20 A. M.	.....
			b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
			a8:51 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
			a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
			9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
			b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	cd3:06 P. M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:33 P. M.	7:22 P. M.	e7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:46 P. M.	.....
11:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 5:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. †5:15 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. † 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 8:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 85. * 5:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 59. † 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. †10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:50 A.M.

* Daily. † Daily except Sunday. ‡ Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

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Ar. Montgomery	11:30A.M.	.....
Ar. New Orleans	8:55P.M.	.....
Lv. Wilmington	3:45P.M.	5:25A.M.
Lv. Florence	7:55P.M.	9:40A.M.
Ar. Jacksonville	7:15A.M.	7:20P.M.
Ar Tampa	4:00P.M.	6:45A.M.
Ar. St. Petersburg	8:30P.M.	8:00A.M.
Ar. Fort Myers	10:20P.M.	12:05P.M.

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Dr. James H. McIntosh, of Columbia, Named as President and Richmond Selected as Meeting Place Next Year.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 18.—James H. McIntosh, of Columbia, S. C., was elected president of the Tri-State Medical Society of South Carolina, North Carolina and Virgina today at the closing session of the annual convention here. Richmond, Va., was chosen as the next meeting place.

Other officers elected were:

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GERMANY STANDS FIRM IN POSITION TAKEN

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solute contraband, but also in regard to such as, according to acknowledged law before the war, are only conditional contraband or not contraband at all. Great Britain, on the otherhand, is with the toleration of neutral governments not only supplied with such goods as are not contraband or only conditional contraband but with goods which are regarded by Great Britain, if sent to Germany, as absolute contraband, namely, provisions, industrial raw materials, etc., and even with goods which have always indubitably been regarded as absolute contraband.

Arms to Allies.

"The German government feels itself obliged to point out with the greatest emphasis that a traffic in arms, estimated at many hundreds of millions, is being carried on between American firms and Germany's enemies. Germany fully comprehends that the practice of right and the toleration of wrong on the part of neutrals are matters absolutely at the discretion of neutrals, and involve no formal violation of neutrality. Germany, therefore ,did not complain of any formal evidence before it, cannot help pointing out that it, together with the entire public opinion of Germany, feels itself to be severely prejudiced by the fact that neutrals in safeguarding their rights in legitimate commerce with Germany according to international law, have, up to present, achieved no, or only insignificant, results while they are making unlimited use of their right by carrying on contraband traffic with Great Britain and our other enemies.

"If it is a formal right of neutrals to take no steps to protect their legitimate trade with Germany, and even to allow themselves to be influenced in the direction of the conscious and willful restriction of their trade, on the otherhand, they have the perfect right which they unfortunately do not exercise, to cease contraband trade, especially in arms, with Germany's enemies.

Obliged to Retaliate.

"In view of this situation, Germany, after six months of patient waiting, sees herself obliged to answer Great Britain's murderous method of naval warfare with sharp counter-measures. If Great Britain, in her fight against Germany, summons hunger as an ally, for the purpose of imposing upon a civilized people of 70,000,000 the choice between destitution and starvation, or submission to Great Britain's commercial will, then Germany is determined to take up the gauntlet and appeal to similar allies.

"Germany trusts that the neutrals who so far have submitted to the disadvantageous consequences of Great Britain's hunger war in silence or merely in registering a protest, will display towards Germany no smaller measure of toleration, even if German measures, like those of Great Britain present new terrors of naval warfare.

"Moreover, the German government is resolved to suppress with all the means at its disposal, the importation of war material to Great Britain and her allies and she takes it for granted that neutral governments, which so far have taken no steps against the traffic in arms with Germany's enemies, will not oppose forcible suppression by Germany of this trade.

War Zone Defined.

"Acting from this point of view, the German admiralty proclaimed a naval war zone whose limits it exactly defined. Germany so far as possible will seek to close this war zone with mines and will also endeavor to destroy hostile merchant vessels in every other way. While the German government, in taking action based upon this overpowering point of view, keeps itself far removed from all intentional destruction of neutral lives and property, on the other hand, it does not fail to recognize that from the action to be taken against Great Britain, dangers arise which threaten all trade within the war zone, without distinction. This is a natural result of mine warfare, which even under the strictest observance of the limits of international law, endangers every ship approaching the mine area. The German government considers itself entitled to hope that all neutrals will acquiesce in these measures as they have done in the case of the grievous damages inflicted upon them by British measures, all the more so as Germany is resolved, for the protection of neutral shipping, even in the naval war zone, to do everything which is at all compatible with the attainment of this object.

Not Responsible for Accidents.

"In view of the fact that Germany gave the first proof of her good will in fixing a time limit of not less than 14 days before the execution of said measures, so that neutral shipping might have an opportunity of making arrangements to avoid threatening danger, this can most surely be achieved by remaining away from the naval war zone. Neutral vessels, which, despite this ample notice, which greatly affects the achievement of our aims in our war against Great Britain, enter these closed waters will themselves bear the responsibility for any unfortunate accidents that may occur. Germany disclaims all responsibility for such accidents and consequences.

"Germany has further expressly announced the destruction of all enemy merchant vessels found within the war zone, but not the destruction of all merchant vessels, as the United States seems erroneously to have understood. This restriction which Germany imposes upon itself is prejudicial to the aim of our warfare, especially as in the application of the conception of contraband practiced by Great Britain towards Germany—which conception will now also be similarly interrupted by Germany—the presumption will be that neutral ships have contraband aboard. Germany naturally is unwilling to renounce its rights to ascertain the presence of contraband in neutral vessels and certain cases to draw conclusions therefrom.

"Germany is ready, finally to deliberate with the United States concerning any measures which might secure the safety of legitimate shipping of neutrals in the war zone. Germany cannot, however, forbear to point out that all its efforts in this direction may be rendered very difficult by two circumstances; first, the misuse of neutral flags by British merchant vessels which is indubitiably known to the United States; second, the contraband trade already mentioned especially war materials, on neutral vessels.

"Regarding the latter point, Germany would fain hope that the United States, after further consideration, will come to a conclusion corresponding to the spirit of real neutrality. Regarding the first point the secret order of the British admiralty recommending to British merchant ships the use of neutral flags, has been communicated by Germany to the United States and confirmed by communication from the British foreign office, which designates this procedure as entirely unobjectionable and in accordance with British law. British merchant shipping immediately followed this advice as doubtless is known to the American government from the incidents of the Lusitania and the Laertes.

British Ships Armed.

"Moreover, the British government has supplied arms to British merchant ships and instructed them to forcibly resist German submarines. In these circumstances it would be very difficult for submarines to recognize neutral merchant ships for search in most cases cannot be undertaken, seeing that in the case of a disguised British ship from which an attack may be expected the searching party and the submarine would be exposed to destruction.

"Great Britain, then, was in a position to make the German measures illusory if the British merchant fleet persisted in the misuse of neutral flags and neutral ships could not otherwise be recognized beyond doubt. Germany, however, being in a state of necessity, wherein she was placed by violation of law, must render effective her measures in all circumstances in order thereby to compel her adversary to adopt methods of warfare corresponding with international law, and so to restore the freedom of the seas of which Germany at all times is the defender and for which she today is fighting.

"Germany, therefore, rejoices that the United States has made representations to Great Britain concerning the illegal use of their flag and expresses the expectation that this procedure will force Great Britain to respect the American flag in the future. In this expectation commanders of German submarines have been instructed as already mentioned in the note of February 4, to refrain from violent action against merchant vessels, so far as these can be recognized.

Suggests Convoys Again.

"In order to prevent in the surest manner the consequences of confusion —though naturally not so far as mines are concerned—Germany recommends that the United States make their ships which are conveying peaceful cargoes through the British war zone discernible by means of convoys.

"Germany believes it may act on the supposition that only such ships would be convoyed as carried goods not regarded as contraband according to the British interpretation made in the case of Germany.

"How this method of convoy can be carried out is a question concerning which Germany is ready to open negotiations with the United States as soon as possible. Germany would be particularly grateful, however, if the United States would urgently recommend to its merchant vessels to avoid the British naval war zone, in any case until the settlement of the flag question.

"Germany is inclined to the confident hope that the United States will be able to appreciate in its entire significance the heavy battle which Germany is waging for existence, and that from the foregoing explanations and promises it will acquire full understanding of the motives and the aims of the measures announced by Germany.

Looks to America.

"Germany repeats that it has now resolved upon the projected measures only under the strongest necessity of national self defense, such measures having been deferred out of consideration for neutrals. If the United States, in view of the weight which it is justified in throwing, and able to throw into the scales of the fate of peoples, should succeed at the last moment in removing the grounds which make that procedure an obligatory duty for Germany, and if the American government in particular should find a way to make the Declaration of London respected—on behalf also of those powers which are fighting on Germany's side, and thereby make possible for Germany legitimate importation of the necessaries of life and industrial raw material, then the German government could not too highly appreciate such a service, rendered in the interests of humane methods of warfare, and would gladly draw conclusions from the new situation."

SHIPPING MEASURE NOW IN CONFERENCE

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ocrats and Progressive Republicans.

Senator Hitchcock's amendment to prevent the exportation of munitions of war to belligerents was tabled 51 to 36; an amendment by Senator O'Gorman to prohibit purchase of belligerent ships was tabled 45 to 43; one by William Alden Smith to create a commission to study the problem of ocean transportation was tabled 52 to 31 and one by Senator Poindexter to prevent government ships plying between the United States and belligerent ports met a like fate.

Another Poindexter amendment to authorize the President to expend $30,000,000 for construction of ships in American ship yards and to operate them outside of the war zone, also was defeated. The Fletcher motion to send the bill to conference then prevailed without a dissenting vote.

CARTER-ABERNETHY EPISODE IN HOUSE

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occurrence which has disturbed the otherwise smooth and tranquil conduct of a three weeks term."

The Clark Resolution.

The resolution by Representative Clark providing for the committee of inquiry, five in number, to be appointed by Speaker Wooten, providing also for investigation of both Judge Carter and Solicitor Abernethy, is as follows:

"Whereas, It has come to the attention of the members of the House of Representatives that Hon. Frank Carter, one of the judges of the Superior court of North Carolina, recently adjudged Charles L. Abernethy, solicitor of the Fifth judicial district, in contempt of court and spread upon the minutes of the Superior court of Craven county certain findings of fact in reference to said solicitor, which the said solicitor states are unwarranted, unjustified and untrue and on which he had no opportunity to be heard and which facts do not appear to be true from affidavits of witnesses, and,

"Whereas, It is generally known that the said Hon. Frank Carter, while acting as judge of the Superior court of North Carolina, has been harsh, oppressive, dictatorial and unjust to litigants, witnesses, jurors and attorneys in his courts, and,

"Whereas, It has long been publicly rumored that the said Hon. Frank Carter has been guilty of acts and things while holding the high office of judge of the Superior court of North Carolina, all of which said acts upon the part of the said Hon. Frank Carter, if true, are calculated to bring the high office of the judge of the Superior court into disrepute and disrespect among the people of the State, and which if not true, in justice to said judge ought to be set at rest; and,

"Whereas, Hon. Charles L. Abernethy, solicitor of the Fifth judicial district, has petitioned this honorable body to investigate both his own conduct and that of Hon. Frank Carter,

"Therefore, Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of North Carolina, that a committee of five members of the House be appointed to inquire into and investigate the said charges against Hon. Frank Carter, judge of the Superior court of North Carolina, and the conduct of Hon. Charles L. Abernethy, solicitor.

"Resolved, Further, that said committee is hereby authorized and empowered to send for and subpoena persons, papers, and records and employ stenographers and a clerk, to take and hear evidence under oath relating to matters and things mentioned in this preamble, and make full report thereof to this House of Representatives, if then in session, and if not, to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, with such recommendations as the committee from its investigations may deem proper.

"Resolved further, That the said committee, with the approval of the Governor of this State, shall have full authority to employ counsel to assist it and prosecute such action as said committee shall suggest."

The communication from Solicitor Abernethy, the Davis and Clark resolutions and the petitions from the bar of Newbern endorsing Judge Carter were referred to the House judiciary committee No. 1.

NO VOTE IN SAMPSON COUNTY ON STOCK LAW

Committee Will Report Faircloth Bill Unfavorably.

Tax on Insurance Companies to Remain As it Is—Senate and House Democrats to Caucus on School Board Election.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—There was a lengthy joint committee hearing this afternoon on the Faircloth bill to allow the people of Sampson county to vote on the question of repealing the stock law that the last Legislature put on the county without vote of the people. There were probably two hundred Sampson farmers and others here, most of them in opposition to the bill and wanting to retain the stock law by legislative enactment. The committee voted to report the bill unfavorably, thus leaving Sampson with the stock law.

It was insisted that an election would array neighbor against neighbor and community against community and that the stock law is working well and improving all the time. Representative Faircloth, Senator Fisher, Thomas E. Owen, J. D. Kerr and B. H. Crumpler were among the advocates of the bill. Former Senator Peterson, H. A. Grady, S. H. Hobbs, who is admittedly a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture; J. R. Baggett and L. M. Mathis were among the successful opponents of the bill.

Insurance Companies' Tax Unchanged. Caucus on School Boards.

There is to be a joint caucus of the Democrats of the Senate and House February 22 at 8 o'clock when one of the most important matters to be considered will be the disposition that is to be made of the pending bills for allowing a number of additional counties to elect their county boards of education by the people. These bills are already under favorable report from the committee on education of the House.

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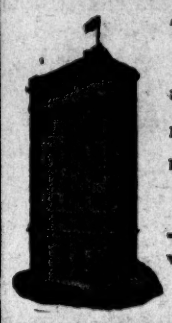

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